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FOREIGN NEWS

A British Disaster.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Daily Express publishes a rumor of a serious disaster to the British arms. According to this report the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the Barberton district capturing the camp, killing a number of British officers and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener reports that eighteen officers and 555 men are missing from General Clement's force. They consist of four companies of Northumberland Fusiliers. Judging from the message these were captured by the Boers. Clement's casualties December 13 amounted to five officers and nine men killed and many apparently wounded.

Germany in a Financial Crisis.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Berlin says: The pessimistic speech of Baron von Fleischnann, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, in the Reichstag on Monday, in which he told the country to prepare for a period of hard times, as the financial situation was gloomy, has created a sensation in the money market. There has been such a slump in the price of mortgage bonds that unless public confidence is restored, the economic ability of Germany will be imperiled, some banks and bankers may find themselves in serious difficulties and a financial crisis of unparalleled gravity may be precipitated in Berlin.
The first Preussische Hypothek Bank and the Deutsche Grunschild Bank are unable to meet the strain and the Government has appointed receivers in both cases. To avert a crash the Deutsche Bank and some other houses have formed a committee for the protection of bondholders and are advancing funds in payment of interest due.

Will Help Canal.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Herald's correspondent in Managua, Nicaragua, telegraphs that President Zelaya repeats his former statements that he will not place any obstacle in the way of the construction of the Nicaragua canal by the United States government, but on the contrary, will offer every possible means in his power to aid the United States in the great work.

America's Peace Policy Adopted.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says the Neuste Wiener Tageblatt learns that all the European ministers in Peking have received final instructions from their governments that the beginning of peace negotiations can be made at once. The success of the American policy is even more complete than expected. As an interesting proof of this it is learned from the very best source that the powers constituting the triple alliance, which at the beginning was strongly opposed to the American policy, have now requested their ministers to limit as far as possible all matters of formality in the peace negotiations, so that peace may be speedily concluded.

General Chaffee for Manila.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: If the wishes of high ranking officers in the Philippines are observed, many important changes will occur at the end of the present dry season. Several of the general officers are urging that they be ordered home, and it is expected that when the volunteers are returned they will accompany them. It is the general belief of well-informed officers that General MacArthur and General A. E. Bates will return to the United States within a few months and Major General Chaffee now in command at Peking, will be ordered to Manila as General MacArthur's successor.

Typhoon's Work at Hongkong.
VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 12.—After a most stormy passage the Empress of India arrived here today, one day late. She brought news of the great typhoon which caused such large loss of life and great destruction of property at Hongkong and the vicinity. Some place the loss of life at 2,500, others at 4,000, and the Hongkong Telegraph says the loss of life has been appalling, it being impossible to estimate the dead. Upward of eighty steam launches and such craft were lost, together with a great number of junks, lighters, sampans and small craft.
The British gunboat Sandpiper was also lost and the American sailing vessel Benjamin Sewall went ashore, but fortunately she was saved from being wrecked, although she did not escape injury. Hundreds of buildings ashore were wrecked, and so great was the destruction of shipping that the beach was lined with masses of wreckage and craft which had been broken to matchwood. The police rescued numbers from the wrecks.
The lighter Canton River, which cost \$40,000, was lost, her crew of 50 men being rescued.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

The Czar is well again.
The Nansen fund has reached \$250,000.
Ellen Terry has retired from the stage.
Returning Laplanders say reindeer do not thrive in Alaska.
The Sultan gave a dinner to the officers of the battleship Kentucky.
Chicago has a bill prepared which will permit her to own her street railways.

The French Governments seeking to buy American paintings for the National Gallery.
The Pacific Mail will fight the shipping subsidy bill because of the clause aimed at their Oriental crews.
More trouble is brewing for the de Castellanes. Their valuable yacht has now been seized by their creditors.

An astronomical expedition from the University of California is to be sent to Australia and South America.
The German Government positively denies any intention of keeping troops in the Chinese Empire permanently.

It is reported that either the Prince of Wales or the Duke of York will attend the American cup races next August.
A proposition is on foot to join the great lakes and Atlantic by a 30 foot channel to cost over three hundred millions.

The California State Educational Commission is making a fight to eliminate political influence from the Normal Schools.
The Shah of Persia is an enthusiastic automobilist and recently made a long journey in a horseless carriage which he purchased in Paris.

An Alaska guide has discovered Indians in Western Alaska living in the fashion of past ages. They wear ivory ornaments in nose and mouth.
A bill for the re-enactment of the anti-Chinese law will be presented on the first day of the new Congress by Representative Kahn of California.

Wm. J. Bryan will establish a weekly paper, called the "Commoner," at Lincoln, Neb., devoted to the discussion of public questions.
It is proposed to adopt a new prime meridian for time-keeping, making a universal hour all over the world, without regard to longitude.

Nicaragua and Costa Rica have announced that they will grant a lease of the Nicaragua canal to the United States for a period of 200 years.
A bronze reproduction of "Winged Victory" will be presented to Admiral Dewey's old flagship, the Olympia, as a figurehead, when repairs have been completed.

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MAUI BLUE BOOK

Table listing names and titles of officials including Hon. J. W. Kahua, Circuit Judge; J. K. Koola, Chief Clerk of Court; Judge G. B. Robertson, Dist. Magistrate; Chief Clerk; and various other officials.

THE MOTHER LODE OF CALIFORNIA

From the time the Israelites borrowed the Egyptians' jewelry and forgot to return it, to the present time, there has been a constant struggle for gold; no hardship could stop the hunt; neither the desolate north nor the torrid zone had any terror for the prospector, provided there was a chance to make a "stake".

There is more gold at our door in California than will ever be taken from the Klondyke, Cape Nome, and the whole of that desolate country taken together. In 1856, we thought that the bottom had dropped out, that the gulches and placers were exhausted, because we could not set our sluices in a gulch and strike "5 dollar diggin's", and that gold mining was ended. Even the Chinamen became disgusted. Little did we think that we had found the shadow only, and that the real substance lay below in the bowels of the earth.

Science and actual underground explorations have demonstrated that there are a number of fissure veins running through California, and extending to an unknown depth. These fissures are between what are called hanging and foot walls, and hold the mineralized matter like pouring metal into a mold.

The main fissure is known as the mother lode, beginning in Mariposa County and running north west, at an altitude of between 1100 and 1200 feet. It can be traced through Tuolumne, Calaveras, and Amador into Eldorado County, a distance of 150 miles, where it loses itself. Tuolumne County shows the longest stretch and most concentrated portion of the mother lode. This section shows more life and energy than any of the other counties. Among its noted mines are the Raw Hide, Apple, Dutch, Santa Isabel, Golden Rule, New Era, Jumper, Shawmut and others, all in line and within a radius of six miles. The most noted of these mines is the Jumper. This mine has come to the front in the last five years. The ore is mineralized slate with streaks of quartz, and carries a higher average of ore than any other developed mine on the mother lode. It has been recapitalized from \$250,000 to \$2,500,000, which includes the property bought with the Jumper's output. The stock of this mine is held in Scotland, and varies from £7 to £9, (\$35 to \$49) per share. Four years ago it could have been bought for \$1 per share.

Joining the Jumper on the south is the Mazeppa. This mine has been worked about two and one half years, and is down in ore 515 feet of the same character as the Jumper,—no one can tell the difference. A large body of ore has been opened up in the Mazeppa, and at least 2000 tons are now on the dump. Mr. Packer, a U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyer, than whom there is no better authority on mines in California, has recently experted the Mazeppa, and in his report he says that there are at least 50,000 tons of ore in sight that will mill over \$10 per ton. This is a larger average than the famous Utica,—a larger average, in fact, than any mine on the lode at that depth, except the Jumper, which is one and the same chute.

The Mazeppa Company have decided to put up a mill and place the mine on a dividend paying basis at once, and promise to have twenty stamps at work within the next six months. To accomplish this and to open up the ore in sight, they have placed in my hands a block of stock at \$1 per share, in blocks of 100 shares and up. Every prominent man in Kohala, from Boeckerft Plantation to Niulli, has made investments in our stock, some of them buying large blocks. One of the heaviest investors in Kohala has just returned from California, and while there he investigated the property and is well pleased with it. No doubt, an increase of their holdings will be made by most of the gentlemen who bought. The gentleman who went to California left there on the 13th of December. On the 12th of December, a telegram was sent from the mine, "a big strike on the 500 foot level". The same thing occurred on the Jumper, and the stock of that mine jumped from \$1 to \$50, and is now one of the best stocks on the mother lode.

Until I am otherwise notified, I shall sell the Mazeppa stock at the original price of \$1 per share. As regards what is considered good dividends on mining property,

many of them are paying 5 per cent per month, or 60 per cent per year; some of them are paying 10 per cent per month, 120 per cent per year. In one month's run the Jumper paid for itself, in the same strata that the Mazeppa may be on the edge of now. Those who are best acquainted with the Mazeppa Mine have been the heaviest purchasers of its stock. It is no experiment. We have the ore in sight, and a certainty, from the Jumper workings adjoining us, that the best ore is deeper than we are. The 700 foot level on the Jumper shows better rock than ever, demonstrating that the ore increases in richness, with depth. No one can make a mistake in buying our stock at its present figure.

Judge Robertson of Wailuku, who has had practical experience in California quartz mining, has the report of Expert Packer in his possession, and will take pleasure in showing it to anyone desiring further information.

HENRY LONGTON, Agent.

Reference by permission to James Renton, of Kohala, Hawaii.

An Airship that Really Sailed.

An airship, so called, that responded with reasonable accuracy to her steering apparatus is the result of years of labor. The successful man is Count von Zeppelin, and the performance of his airship is interesting the whole scientific world.

Stated briefly, the performance of this ship was its success in moving fully six miles in a modest breeze, in making the successive turns, and in returning easily and safely to land—or rather to water.

One publication puts it: "It was generally conceded that all doubt has been removed of the feasibility of aerial travel, for Count Zeppelin has succeeded in steering, training, tacking and sailing directly in the wind—a feat never heretofore accomplished. While it was conceded that the Count's airship will bear about the same resemblance to the aerodrome of the future as Fulton's steamboat does to the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, or the Puffing Billy to a modern 100-ton locomotive, it has been demonstrated that the principles of aerial navigation and construction have been solved."

Count von Zeppelin's airship cost him his fortune, but after that was exhausted Emperor William contributed handsomely, and then private capitalists gave of their means.

The ship is shaped like a huge cigar, pointed at both ends, is 415 feet long and 40 feet in the diameter of its cylinder, and contains seventeen compartments, each one of which is an independent balloon. Suspended are two gondolas, made of the lightest of metals, in which the passengers rest.

Each of the gondolas has a fifteen-horse-power gasoline motor, driving a horizontal propeller at the rate of 1200 revolutions a minute.

The man who guides the balloon has control over these engines and is thus able to direct its flight. The claim is that the balloon may remain in air five or six weeks.

In the first experiment there was some disturbance of the steering gear, but in the second it was more successful. Spectators by the thousands watched the manoeuvres. Count von Zeppelin was the engineer and conductor. With him were several engineers and friends who said they thoroughly enjoyed the flight.

According to Professor Langley, who has just returned from Europe, Count von Zeppelin's machine is not a real airship, but a dirigible balloon. He draws this distinction: "The airship is in no sense a balloon. Its flight is sustained by the power of machinery as a bird's flight is sustained by the driving power of its wings. The airship seeks actual flight in mere suspension in the air with the addition of some power of guidance." The Von Zeppelin airship, so called, ascends by balloon power.

Hiram Maxim is still at work on his experiment in London. Professor Langley says that he will continue his experiments with the aeroplane. At the same time, Davidson in England is experimenting with an airship machine, and Dumont in France has a cigar-shaped balloon in which electrical power is used for steering.

Another effort is being made by M. Firmin-Bousson in Paris. His idea is a steerable balloon and it is called an "auto aviator." In other words, it is a balloon with a motor attached. There have been several trials, but so far success has not been reported.

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