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# INTO OCEAN STEAMER

Ocean Liner Walla Walla Goes Down in the Pacific During a Fog--Twenty Supposed to Have Drowned.

Dispatch.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 3.—The steamer bounded and scraped alongside. ing as the result of a collision with an unknown iron sailing vessel. The news of the disaster was brought to Trinidad by a boat from the foundered vessel and later the steamer Despatch arrived with 60 of the crew and passengers of the wrecked vessel.

The collision occurred at 4 o'clock in the morning when all the passengers were asleep. Some escaped in small boats and rafts. They were unable to land, owing to the character of the coast and drifted about all day yesterday when they were picked up by the steamer Despatch.

Particulars of the disaster are hard to obtain. Boats and life rafts were launched immediately and under the direction of Captain Hall and the crew most of the passengers were placed safely on rafts and in boats, but it is believed the loss of life will be consid-

The Walla Walla carried 36 first class passengers, 28 second class and a crew of 60 men. She was one of the sound and San Francisco for years.

News of the disaster was brought to this place, by a boat from the unforscene of the disaster contained thirteen persons, but when it arrived at Trinidad contained but seven alive. Later the steamer Dispatch arrived with sixty of the passengers and crew on board, including Captain Hall.

The collision occurred twenty miles head cut. south of Mendocino buoy. The Walla Walla was struck in the bow by an unknown French bark. At the time of the collision the second officer was on the bridge. George Reise, of San Fran- home. cisco, a passenger, gave the following account of the accident: his recovery from the injuries will be

"It was 4:10 when the French vessel hit the Walla Walla in the bow. " All were asleep. The weather was clear, the sea was rolling high. The passengers all rushed out of their staterooms. Capt. Hall went down into the steerage Mr. Moore from quite a distance, rang be the proper figure for the grant to and found a family of seven fastened in his gong repeatedly, and had no this country and about \$5,000,000 for the a room. Two girls, of 12 and 14 years, were fastened between timbers. The girls were released and the family assisted out of their berths. All prepared his gong. The car was upon him when to leave the vessel. The captain said she would sink. Life boats and rafts were lowered to the boats. The vessel did not sink until 4:45, giving the crew and passengers thirty-five minutes to leave the steamer. Sixty-three were lowered, the life-saving boats then being filled. The excitement grew intense among the remaining passengers. Men and boys hurriedly jumped off the steamer. Several did not leave until she started to sink. The officers were cool and collected, doing everything possible to save the passengers. No one knows the cause of the collision but the second officer, and he is missing. As soon as the large French vessel penetrated the steamer's bow she withdrew, leaving the passengers at the mercy of the high sea and lending no assistance

Tonight it is believed twenty persons lost their lives in the sinking steamship. One life raft and three boats are unaccounted for and they may contain some of the missing. One boat reached Trinidad and reported six drowned by the swamping of a boat. Captain Hall describing the disaster said he was awakened by a crash on the port side. His cabin was badly shattered and his bunk thrown across the room. After the collision the bark re-

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Walla Walla was sunk early this morn, drifted away soon and was lost to sight, notwithstanding that she was asked to stand alongside. The vessel began to fill immediately and sank in' 35 minutes. There was no confusion aboard. The lifeboats and rafts were immediately lowered safely, except two which were smashed. They contained a number of passengers but they managed to board the life rafts. The boat on which was Captain Hall floated around all day and early in the evening was picked up by the Steamer

## A TROLLEY CAR

C. B. MOORE RECEIVED PAINFUL INJURIES IN ACCIDENT YES-TERDAY MORNING.

C. B. Moore, ex-clerk of the Fedbest known vessels on the coast and eral court, was knocked down and inwas owned by the Pacific Coast Steam- jured by a trolley car yesterday mornship company, and plied between Puget ing about 11 o'clock on Montford avenue, near the school building.

Mr. Moore was walking on the track Trinidad, about thirty miles north of at the time and was evidently so engrossed in thought that he did not hear. tunate steamer which, when it left the the approach of the car from behind, although the motorman rang his gong.

Mr. Moore was hurled to the ground was severely bruised, his right wrist lacerated and wrenched and his fore-

He was taken to the office of Drs. Battle, Jordan and Cheesberough, where his wounds were dressed and he was then conveyed in a carriage to his

If no material complications set in rapid.

Mr. Moore had a narrow escape from death. The car was in charge of Conductor A. Whisnant and Motorman J. C. Melton. The motorman says he saw thought but that he would get off the track. Just before reaching Mr. Moore, he says, he slowed up, again ringing the motorman stopped it.

#### THE CONTEST FOR EASTERN DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP

Special to the Gazette. Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.-Judge Purnell and Major H. L. Grant arrived today from Raleigh and this afternoon called on Attorney General Knox. They discussed with the attorney-general the eastern district-attorneyship. They favor the retention of Mr. Bernard as against Col. Harry Skinner.

Mrs. W. S. Hyams expects to leave tomorrow or next day for Marshall, to visit Mrs. Pritchard, her sister.

#### GERMANY TO VENEZUELA; ANOTHER POLITE DUN

Berlin, Jan. 3 .- Semi-official notifition has been issued that a note was handed to the president of Venezuela a few days ago, again setting forth the claims of Germany. The note does not partake of the character of an ultimatum, and contains no menaces in the event of Germany's demands not being complied with, but it allows a certain period for compliance, the extension of which depends on Castro's action.

Baseball Dispute in Court.

New York, Jan. 3 .- There will be action in court next Monday in the case of Andrew Freedman and others against A. G. Spalding and others, known on the records as the suit of ing his election. It is from Mendez Cathe Boston Baseball Exhibition Co. et poto, president of the national constial against the Brooklyn Baseball Co. tutional convention and is as follows: et al. A motion to compel the plainaction on the ground that they are all of Scrutiny I allow myself to assure you foreign corporations coming into the that the election is practically unanijurisdiction of the court and beginning mous. The partisans of Maso fought suit, will be argued in the supreme only in a few provinces. The conviccourt. There is a possibility that one tion here is that the vote taken repreof the skeins of the National League sents the will of the people by an imtangle may be unraveled when this mense majority." comes up for argument.

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LAND OR CARNEGIE.

Washington, Jan. 3.-The American government intends to participate in Roosevelt was formerly presented to the coronation of King Edward in a befitting manner. There is to be a naval display at Cowes, and it is probable that the San Francisco, the Illinois, the liant ball ever given in the White Olympia, the Albany, the Wilmington House. Miss Roosevelt is the first girl and the Brooklyn will comprise the to make her debut in the edifice. fleet under Crowninshield that will repit is said the president would be happy young people with enthusiasm. to offer this office to grover Cleveland

### THE UNITED STATES TO

the United States and Nicaragua reto congress, has been made in recent messages from Mana- following notice: gua. But there are many other important features which are as yet not disment of American courts, civil and on the Pacific. The entire policing of the stock of the bank intact. this large tract is also placed in the hands of the United States so it has the power to preserve order and after that to issue judicial process extend-

ing throughout this zone. Besides the authority of the American courts and American police on the six mile zone, the chief features of the protocol are in giving a lease in perpeby the shock of the collision, his back tuity of this tract to the United States and at the same time giving an American guarantee that the independence, sovereignty and integrity of Nicaragua will not be disturbed by the rights thus conferred upon the United States.

No exact information is obtainable as to the price specified in the protocol as a payment to Nicaragua for the grant to this country. It can be stated positively, however, that this price is much less than was expected when the negotiations began and that it is considered by officials as reasonable. It is understood that at the outset the view in Nicaragua was that \$20,000,000 would costs of the grant.

While there is no information as to the final sum in the protocol, it is known to be far short of the above figure. As the cession takes the form of a perpetual lease, it is probable the protocol includes a feature of annual rent as part payment.

#### LONDON PAPER URGES **GERMANY TO ADVANCE**

London, Jan. 3 .- The Saturday Review discusses what it describes as the greatest problem of the new century: namely, the fate of South America. It says unless something is done to pre-vent it the power of the United States will gradually extend southward. The paper urges England to encourage German advances in the new world as a counterpoise to the overwhelming predominence of the United States.

#### GONERNOR SHAW CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Washington, Jan. 3.-Governor Shaw, who will succeed Secretary Gage, arrived in Washington this evening. The newly appointed secretary of the treasury lengthily conferred with President Roosevelt this evening. He refused to discuss any matters connected with the treasury. Governor Shaw said he would be ready to assume the secretaryship about February 15.

Election Practically Unanimous. New York, Jan. 3 .- President-elect Palma of Cuba is still at his home at Central Valley, N. Y. He has just received the first official advice announc-"According to the central committee

# **WAS A BRILLIANT**

Washington, Jan. 3 .- Miss Alice med with lace, and carried a bunch of society tonight by President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the largest and most bril-

Mrs. Roosevelt stood at the door of many of the younger officers of the resent the United States. The pres- the blue room and presented her ident has determined to send a special daughter to the six hundred guests forms. The Marine band furnished ambassador to attend the ceremonies, present, and both she and the presi- music.

gown of white silk, elaborately trim-

lilac orchids.

white roses.

army and navy were in full dress uni-

Miss Roosevelt stood beside her mo-

ther. Swore a graceful but simple

gown of white chiffon and carried

All of the younger diplomatic circle

present wore full court dress, while

accredited personally to the king, and dent entered into the spirit of the After Miss Roosevelt had been presented to the last guest the way was Mrs. Roosevelt wore an elaborate led to the east room, where dancing continued until a late hour.

#### Run on Savings Bank.

Cleveland, Jan. 3 .- When the doors Washington, Jan. 3.-Some of the of the Dime Savings and Banking commain features of the protocol between pany were opened today, a big crowd of depositors were waiting to draw out ferred to in President Seelaya's mes- deposits. Each person was handed a printed slip by the tellers, bearing the paying for it with the prize money

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"M. G. WATTERSON, President. "F. H. TOWNSEND, Treasurer." A run was started on the bank yesterday afternoon as a result of the announcement of the financial troubles of Messrs. Everett & Moore, who are members of the board of directors of the institution.

#### Bryan Won't Be There.

Chicago, Jan. 3 .- Bryan arrived here this morning en route to the east. He called at City Hall, but the hour was so early the mayor had not arrived. He called up the mayor on the telephone, chatted with him for a few minutes and then took the train for the east. For the first time in four years the Jackson day banquet will be held in Chicago this year without Bryan as chief guest, owing to the fact that Bryan had made previous engagement to be in New Haven.



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Club House for Enlisted Men. San Francisco, Jan. 3.-Captain Mc-Calla, now in command of the Kearsage, the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, has in view the erection of a fine club house at Vallejo for enlisted men of the navy. He has already secured a site for his proposed building, awarded him for his services in the Spanish war. Additional funds will be secured by popular subscription,

#### Rumor Unconfirmed.

London, an. 2 .- A rumor is current in the city today that an attempt has been made to assassinate Lord Milner, the British high commissioner South Africa. The rumor, however, is wholly unconfirmed and entirely discredited at responsible quarters.

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