

FRENCH VISITOR.

Description of the Ship "Triomphante."

Her Great Speed, Immense Guns, Projectiles, Whitehead Torpedoes and Electric Lights.

San Francisco Chronicle.

It is seldom that the people of San Francisco have as good an opportunity as at the present to obtain an idea of the formidable ship of war that constitutes the navies of the European powers.

The difference between the Triomphante, which only ranks as a second-class ship in the French navy, and the so-called first-class vessels in our navy is astounding.

As she rests on the massive blocks on the floor of the dock, her well-proportioned lines, the contour of her mold and her fine entrance and clean run are points which are not visible when the ship is in the water.

Below the water line, the hull is sheathed with pure copper, over three-inch felt. Considering the fact that the Triomphante has not been in dock since she left France, some eighteen months ago, her bottom is wonderfully clean.

Above the water line the armor plating commences. The belt, which consists of six inches of solid plates, tapering to 4.7 inches at the ends, extends over the main deck beams.

A Real Romance According to Zola. Gervaise was in her room. Her little form reposed gracefully against a cheap wooden table on which stood a pitcher, the handle of which was gone, while her feet rested on a chair some distance away.

"Come in," said Gervaise. "Well, I declare to goodness!" said Gervaise. "I never should have known it was you. What makes you lame?"

"He got me to ride a bicycle," she said at last, the words being spoken in a husky tone that betokened her great excitement. "What's in the pitcher?" she said, glancing toward the table.

The two women sat talking about the current topics of the day—how Adele's husband got thirty days for drunk and disorderly, the kicking of red-headed Samette down three flights of back stairs by her husband of a month, and the other bits of society gossip in which women are always interested.

"Thank heaven for that," said the bereaved woman. "The tower is 274 feet high, and my poor darling at least had time to repent."

L'Assommoir had done its work again.—Emile Zola.

FROM THE SCENE OF WAR.

Graphic Description by Lady Travellers of the Recent Indian Massacre.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Sept. 13.

Among the arrivals at the Lindell hotel last evening was Miss Gertie Constance and Miss Annie Constance, daughters of Dr. Constance, of Peru, Ind., who are direct from Lake Valley, New Mexico, the scene of the late Indian outbreak.

The ladies, who are highly cultivated and intelligent, give a very interesting account of the Indian difficulties and the battle in Lake valley, all of which has been narrated in the dispatches published in The Globe-Democrat. Miss Gertie, the elder of the two ladies, states that Dailey had some of her capital for investment, and that she went to New Mexico, partially for recreation and partially to see that her funds were properly disposed of, and that her sister Annie accompanied her for the improvement of her health.

She was at Dailey's ranch when news of the Indian outbreak was brought in, and Dailey volunteered to join the soldiers and take part in the fight. Before leaving for the battle-ground he made his will and placed it in her possession, with the injunction to deliver it to his family in Philadelphia should he be killed, which accords for her being in possession of the document.

The Indians, under the command of Nana, one of Victoria's old followers, entrapped the soldiers in a canyon about fifteen miles from the ranch, and Dailey was killed. Dailey was armed with a breech-loading gun purchased at the Paris exposition. The gun carried explosive balls, and the first intimation of Dailey's death was an explosive ball fired by Indians, which struck a rock, exploded, and killed a colored soldier.

The ladies also had in their possession the samples of a plant used by the Indians in poisoning animals and springs. Both ladies expect an installment of Indian scalps soon, having been promised an assortment when the next battle took place.

"Mental incapacity," said Mr. Daly. The court took a scrutiny of the tramp through its gold-rimmed glasses and remarked, "I can't see that there is any mental incapacity about him. What do you mean?"

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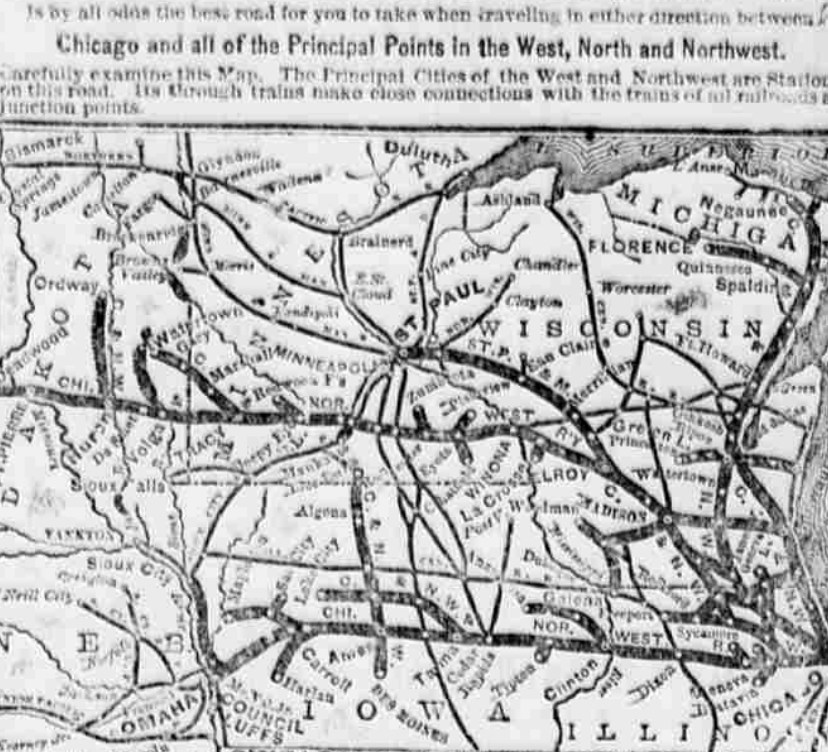
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