

NEWS OF THE DAY.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In these days of fast traveling a recent trip of the steamship *Germania*, belonging to the White Star Line, is worthy of record.

This steamer left New York on Saturday, Feb. 5, and arrived at Queenstown on Sunday morning, Feb. 13, the journey having been made in 11 days, 15 hours and 17 minutes, which is said to be without exception the quickest passage ever made across the ocean.

The distance is 2,894 miles, therefore the *Germania* made an average of 270 miles per day.

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During the Prince of Wales' visit to Calcutta, a Baboo delivered a lecture, in the course of which, referring to the deposition of the Gaikwar of Baroda, he said: "By one of the most criminal acts, unparalleled even in the worst annals of imperial Rome, England has recently alienated the affections and sympathies of the Hindoo people." This act, the lecturer maintained, was one that precluded, with no uncertain voice, the imminent destruction of the British power.

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George A. Arms was also captain in the 10th cavalry, and was tried before a court martial at Leavenworth, March 13, 1870, and was dismissed from the service by command of General Sherman.

The *Tribune's* St. Louis correspondent had an interview with General Sherman, yesterday, concerning the recent startling exposure of Belknap's official delinquencies.

"I am astonished beyond measure," he has known Belknap along with me had occasion to say, "I doubt his integrity. I know that his previous record is without a blot. He has always been regarded as a man of scrupulous honor. Of course I do not know the cause of this demoralization, but having lived in Washington during his tenure of office, I can form a pretty good idea of it. In my opinion the downfall is due to the vicious organization of Washington social circles at the capital. Very few of the Cabinet officers are able to live outside of the capital. While I was there the only member of the Cabinet who could stand it was Fish; with his income of \$300,000 a year he could afford to pay most any price for social privileges, nevertheless it cost him \$70,000 dollars yearly. Mr. Chandler, who has gone into the Cabinet once I know to St. Louis, is another one whose private fortune is so ample that his salary is no object to him. Outside of these two none of the Cabinet officials in Washington can live within their salaries. I left Washington chiefly because my salary would not support me and because I did not consider the society there the proper place in which to rear a family. There has been a good deal of discussion about Belknap's case, and some of the fellows appointed were regarded as suspicious characters, and their society was avoided by the public. But the question had been taken entirely out of my hands, and I could say nothing without interfering with the business of the Secretary of War. There are more than one hundred and fifty trading posts on the frontier, and I expect there is a good deal of fraud yet to be detected."

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