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IS IT AN AUTHENTICATION?

In our issue of Saturday we gave some items in relation to the Arctic Expedition under Sir John Franklin, and a copy of a document, said to have been found recently at San Buenaventura, California, professing to give positive information of the death of Franklin and some of his men. In our concluding remarks on the subject we observed that the story sounded very much like a hoax, but, being within the range of possibility, it might be a bona fide record of the termination of the mortal career of Franklin and some of his men.

This afternoon, Mr. Edmund F. Bird, cabinet maker of this city, brought for our inspection, a photograph of the document in question, purchased by him at Portsmouth, England, while on a mission in that country five years ago. The photograph is a perfect fac-simile of that said to have been found in California, containing the request in six languages, to forward it to the British Admiralty, London, or the British Consul at the nearest port from the place at which it was found. It also contains the statement, signed by Franklin, of where the party had wintered in 1846-7; and that signed by Captain Crozier, giving the account of the desertion of the ships *Erebus and Terror* , and the death of Sir John and others belonging to the expedition. The marginal writing referred to, is also contained in the photograph, some of which it would be very difficult to decipher; in fact, in every respect, it is a perfect fac-simile of the San Buenaventura sensation.

This document was discovered concealed in a cask, by Captain McClintock, while on his voyage of discovery for Franklin, and, sometime after his return to England, a fac-simile was engraved, we have been informed, in the *Illustrated London News* , and was also photographed by Capt. McClintock.

If the story from California be no canard, this furnishes incontrovertible proof of the authenticity of the document said to have been found there; and on this supposition it would seem that the parties with whom it originated wrote two or more, some of which were concealed in these casks or mounds of stones, referred to in the account of Hall's Arctic explorations, in hopes that they might be discovered by explorers following in their wake; and others consigned to the great deep, trusting to Providence for their guidance and ultimate safe arrival at some point from which the tidings they contained might be made known to the world. If the latter supposition be correct the adventures of the hermetically sealed envelope in which the document was found, would form a thrilling page in the records of romance; for it must have formed part of, perhaps, many icebergs, and has probably traversed tracks in the ocean yet unknown to man.

Viewed in the most charitable light the California story appears rather mixed, and, unless more than ordinarily credulous, being in such exact accord with the sensation loving proclivities of the times, makes one strongly incline to the belief that it is merely a "goak."

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERT NEWS.)

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

San Francisco.—Collax reached Marysville yesterday, and was received by a committee and escorted to his hotel, where the Mayor, common council and citizens generally called on him; he will arrive here to-night.

The Pullman car, "Orion," arrived from Chicago, via the San Jose road, and will be exhibited at the Mechanics' Institute Fair. The receipts of the Fair for the past five days are over \$30,000.

New York, 18.—The railroad lines south of Louisville, Kentucky, especially those running to Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans and Mobile, are all blocked with freight, and the agents of the different lines have refused to give rates or receipts to the points beyond Louisville. They do not intend to interfere with the passenger business. A meeting of railroad men was held here in the early part of the week, on the subject of increased rates of freight; nothing resulted.

Two freight trains collided on the Hudson River Railroad on 18th street, last night; several cars were destroyed. Thos. Brennan, the confederate of Reddy, the blacksmith, in the Graham robbery, died in the State prison last week.

Rumors say that the unveiling of the statue of Vanderbilt on the 25th inst., is to be made the occasion for the union of the Central and Hudson River roads and a declaration of the long promised scrip dividend.

The Carpenters' National Union adopted a report in favor of co-operative societies, and adjourned to meet at New Haven, next year.

Philadelphia.—Rev. Benj. Darr, Rector of Christ's Church, died this morning.

Boston.—Two cars laden with merchandise were burned to-day at Hamilton station, on the Orange and Rockbury division of the Erie Railroad.

Cincinnati.—Geo. S. Bennett, for 23 years on the local staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died very suddenly this morning of hemorrhage of the lungs; he was in his usual health yesterday and worked in the office.

Louisville, Ky.—The State Fair was closed to-day after a successful run of five days; the attendance during the week was nearly forty-five thousand. The stock exhibited was finer than ever was seen at any previous fair.

Charleston, S. C.—A terrible accident happened to-night on a train from Charleston on the S. C. Railroad. Before daylight this morning a large tree had fallen across the trestle, at Corgorn Swamp, and threw the engine and part of the train into the swamp. The engine blew up, setting the cars and trestle on fire, burning six hundred feet of the latter. The engineer and one fireman were killed, and another fireman seriously hurt; none of the passengers were injured.

New York.—At Prospect Park to-day the race for a premium of \$3,000, was contested by "Lady Thorne," "Geo. Palmer," of Rhode Island, and "Mountain Boy," who was won by "Lady Thorne." The three heats were 2,222, 2,233, 2,233. "Geo. Palmer" was second in all, "Mountain Boy" last.

Boston.—The New Bedford Cuban filibusters have all been discharged for want of evidence.

St. Louis, 19.—On the arrival of the steamer *Fort* , from the Upper Missouri, the United States Marshal arrested the mate, John Garnett, for cruelty to Frank Money, whose case has been progressing for several days; a large crowd of boatmen and levee laborers collected and threatened to lynch Garnett, but did not carry their threats out.

Eight companies of cavalry and three companies of Pawnee scouts left Fort McPherson on the 18th, in command of Gen. Duncan, for the Republican River country. It is reported that several bands of Indians have crossed the Platte River, going south.

Washington.—John L. Jay Knox, deputy controller of currency, has accepted the cashiership of the Union Square National Bank, New York.

The indications are that the public debt statement for the first of October will show very little, if any, reduction, the payments of the present month having been very heavy.

Philadelphia.—Two women and one man were sleeping in a close room, last night, with coal burning in the grate; both the women were found dead this morning; the man is not expected to recover.

Cincinnati.—Richard Clark and Henry Rose were arrested yesterday, on suspicion of robbing the safe of Briggs' Pork House; a large amount in bonds was found at their lodgings, with a large amount of other plunder.

Much of what is stated with regard to the course of the Administration in the subject of Cuban independence is mere matter of conjecture; all that is certainly known is through Minister Siskies' note to the Spanish Government. There are no present indications of the acknowledgment of belligerent rights. The policy of the Administration has been to enforce the neutrality laws, and to act in good faith according to treaty obligations. There is no question that the Administration deeply sympathizes with the Cubans, and will continue to exercise its friendly offices with discretion, with a view to effect a solution of the question satisfactorily to all parties interested.

Boston.—The next general meeting of the social science Association will be held at New York, Oct. 28. Many very prominent gentlemen will read papers on the occasion.

Four dredging boats passed down yesterday, to assist in cutting a canal from the Mississippi to Lake Borgue, by which shipments in bulk will be made to Ship Island, in all weathers, and there transferred to vessels.

While John M. Brown, a telegraphic repairer, was taking wires from the poles, he fell, and was killed instantly.

G. W. Julian, a prominent citizen, was terribly beaten and his skull fractured by a crazy man yesterday; he will probably die.

Arrangements for an Irish immigration convention, to be held here, Oct. 8, is progressing; the indications are that nearly every State in the Union will be represented.

Washington.—It is stated that strong hopes are still entertained that Spain will eventually accept some proposition which will secure the independence of the Cubans. Rumors are apprehended of a collision with Spain, but no cause of offense has been or will be offered. Minister Siskies' note, which causes so much comment, simply reminded them that as Spain had formerly accepted the United States as a mediator between that country and Cuba, our government was ready to enter upon negotiations, and that the Cubans, determined, sooner than to submit to Spanish rule, to render the island untenable for the Spaniards, would destroy all the crops rather than have them seized by their enemies, and used as means to carry on the war against them.

Providence.—The Commercial Bank at Bristol, which has been under control of the State Commissioners because of the cashier's irregularities, has been enjoined by the Supreme Court, and a receiver appointed to wind up its affairs; it is stated that the institution has no circulation.

New York.—The oil dock of Lombard & Co., of North River, caught fire last evening; it was believed to have been extinguished, but again broke out at midnight, and destroyed a tank containing a thousand gallons of crude petroleum, which, together with the oil previously burned, entailed a loss of \$20,000.

It is stated that Butler, early in the coming session of Congress, will deliver a speech on the extravagances of Congressional Committee; his remarks are expected to apply particularly to the Ways and Means Committee, of which Schenck is Chairman. Schenck is prepared, having secured some of the most damaging votes against Butler, in connection with certain manufacturing institutions.

Chicago, 20.—A stabbing affray occurred at 1 o'clock this morning at a saloon in Clark street, between Robert Murray and John Mullin. Mullin was probably fatally wounded. Mullin was arrested.

John Barry fell from a second story window, in his boarding house, probably while in sleep, and was killed.

An unknown woman was picked up on the sidewalk in an insensible condition, and died at the county hospital yesterday. A post mortem examination showed that death was the result of a cancer in the abdominal viscera.

Mrs. Chesley, 71 years old, was killed yesterday by falling down a stairway at the house of her daughter.

Specials from New York say that Jim Macé announces that he has not

come to make a match with anybody, but only on a pleasure tour through the country. He has already made an engagement with one of the New York theatres, and expects to make similar engagements elsewhere. Since his arrival he has been the guest of John Morrisey and Commodore Vanderbilt.

The Tammany politicians had several ward meetings on Saturday night, in a movement for the overthrow of Belmont and placing Tweeds at the head of the National Democratic committee.

The British residents are preparing an address, asking Prince Arthur to visit New York, assuring him of a cordial reception.

The Tribune from Mississippi show that the dispatches representing great enthusiasm over the Dent Convention were highly colored; the three counties adjoining that of the place of meeting, sent as many delegates as twenty-six of the largest counties.

Washington.—Certain pension agents in Pennsylvania recently appealed from the instruction of the Commissioner of pensions, regulating agents' fees; and paying the pensions by check on the Treasury, drawn to the order of the pensioners. The Secretary of the Interior sustains the action of the Commissioner and instructs that officer that in case any agent declines to receive and transmit such check, to regard all powers of attorney given him as annulled.

Buffalo.—On Saturday morning last, a man who registered his name at the Cataract Hotel, at Niagara Falls, as Carl Schurz, New York, proceeded to the Table Rock, at the Falls, and placed his coat, watch and money in charge of a boy who was standing by, walked into the water a few feet from the brink; he was soon carried over the precipice and dashed to pieces in the whirlpool below.

Secretary Boutwell finds great difficulty in ascertaining the condition of the financial affairs of New York City; parties of respectable standing give the most contradictory information. It is the expectation at the Treasury Department that the Secretary will show a reduction of sixty millions in December.

An Omaha dispatch says, the Cincinnati "Red Stockings" left for California yesterday. The California pioneers leave this morning for Chicago.

Indianapolis.—Judge Wilson has overruled the motion for a new trial in the Abrams' case, and has sentenced him to imprisonment for life.

FOREIGN.

Arrived the *Nellie Abbott* , from China. Hart's visit to the treaty ports had been postponed in consequence of difficulties connected with the Burlingame mission. Seward, Consul-General for the United States, expected to leave for home, Sept. 18th. The Chinese had burned a missionary chapel and some houses near Hangchow, and the floods of the Yangtze were subsiding, and the damage is immense. The report of the murder of twenty missionaries in the province of Ichoueh was contradicted. The American steamer *Fung Shue* , had been totally wrecked in the harbor of Hong Kong. The English gunboat *Zebra* was reported wrecked on the coast of China; the gunboat *Albatross* also sustained damage.

The steamer *Great Republic* arrived to-night from Hong Kong, August 19. The Austrian Embassy had finally reached Peking, after numerous delays from the Peking officials, and had been forced to correspond through the British Minister, and a wrangle had occurred over nearly every article of the proposed treaty. Abundant rains throughout the province of Tartary and Hantung were saving the wheat and cotton crops. There was increased sympathy with Rosa Browne in view of the reasons given for his recall. The river was falling at Hong Kong, the foreign quarter of which had suffered severely. The second crop of tea was coming in promisingly. A Chinese gunboat had been sent to investigate the report of the murder of some Roman Catholic missionaries; it was absent two days, and returned with no explanation. Some ten thousand out-cast Chinese families from the overflown country near Ching King were suffering greatly; but little assistance from the Government. Sands had assumed consulship of Chungking.

The Chamber of Commerce at Hong Kong had approved the addresses of the English and American residents at Shanghai in regard to Rosa Browne, and had also endorsed Browne's reply. The *Herald's* special at Madrid, 19, says the army minister and the chief of troops of the line for service in Cuba continues, by order of the Government. Gen. Prim, accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, *ad interim* , returned on Tuesday from France.

There is a report in circulation in the city to-day, to the effect that the candidature of the Duke of Genoa, nephew of King Victor Emmanuel, for the throne of Spain, has failed.

The English fleet at Yokohama was under orders to accompany the frigate *Galatea* to Yeddo, where great preparations were being made for the celebration of the Duke of Edinburgh. The British residents of Yokohama had decided to present the Duke an address of welcome. Yokohama has been visited by a furious gale, causing great destruction of property, and the Japanese had protested against the execution of Enomoto, now a prisoner at Yeddo. The Mikado party wants to behold him.

The foreign press (most of which is great slander) at the report of a night attack of a party of fanatics for the purpose of exterminating foreigners. The natives have retreated. The American ship *Norfolk* was wrecked three miles from Yokohama, August 29th, during a heavy gale; the Dutch bark *Jacobs* also suffered severely and put back for reprieve.

Paris.—The Emperor will depart for the East on the 24 of October. The Emperor presided at a council of the Ministers to-day.

Madrid.—The Spanish press has been in a complete ferment of excitement and indignation since the presentation of Siskies' note to the Government. Some journals abuse the American Minister sadly, and say he was sent here solely because he was known to be a strong partisan of Cuba, and to Gen. Siskies emphatically denies the assertion that his mission refers only to Cuba, and insists that he never broached the question of thecession of the Island to the United States, but merely hinted that the American government is willing to interpose its friendly offices for the settlement of the Spanish difficulties with Cuba.

The president to all Prince Thomas the young Duke of Genoa, nephew of King Victor Emmanuel, to the throne of Spain, under the joint regency of Montpensier, Serrano and Rivero, is gaining ground.

London.—Thomas Graham, master of the mint, and one of the most eminent chemists in the country, is dead. The London papers continue to comment on the Cuban question. The Daily News says the question as to an improved understanding between Spain and the United States remains unsolved. It says the condition of the Spanish exchequer must be considered in estimating the possibilities of the pending crisis.

The *Spectator* says war between Spain and the United States, on account of Cuba, appears like a moral impossibility, but it is universally believed in just now in Spain. A war of enthusiasm is gathering fast. Minister Siskies' proposition is inconsistent with the precedent furnished by the United States in 1891; and what with Spanish pride and American sympathy the situation is very critical. It is difficult to believe that Spain, with a divided people and bankrupt treasury, with one colony in revolt and others to lose and nothing to win, can seriously contemplate war with one of the greatest powers on the earth.

The *Saturday Review* holds that if the proposal of General Siskies is accurately reported, there is no ground for complaint against America, for making an offer to Spain in the character of a disinterested mediator. It is possible that some of those in Spain, who urge the sending of reinforcements to Cuba, desire the absence of the army; without military forces how can the regent retain power? A contest against the Republicans, Carlists and the friends of Isabella might be formidable in the absence of the army, and the government must see that the sacrifice of the army will not save Cuba.

London.—A riot occurred yesterday, between porters on a strike and others who refused to join, which threatened to be formidable; but the military appeared and dispersed the rioters. Several persons were injured but none killed.

London.—The Times, in an article on the Byron story, says that Mrs. Stowe admits that she consulted with Lady Byron only, on the expediency of publishing the true accounts of the separation, and owns that she dissuaded her from doing so; but she omits to produce adequate authority for her statement, and whatever may be behind the revelation, she was wrong in publishing information supplied only, to obtain her opinion as to what action should be taken upon it. M. Schessinger, in a letter to Cologne, states that Wentworth repeatedly assured him Lady Byron desired the unhappy story of her marriage to die with her, and that the family papers contained no secret.

Thomas John Penn, the last descendant of the William Penn family is dead. Havana.—The Captain General has issued an order, changing the name of the town of Las Tunas, to Victoria Las Tunas, in commemoration of the recent Spanish victory over the rebels at that place.

San Francisco, 19.—There was an earthquake throughout Northern Arizona, on the 5th inst.; no damage.

London.—Henry Phillott, Bishop of Exeter, died yesterday, aged 91. It is estimated that twenty vessels were wrecked and several hundred seamen injured in the late gales.

Madrid.—It is rumored that Napoleon has telegraphed the French Minister at Washington that France desires Cuba still to be retained by Spain. General Prim, it is said, has had a second interview with Napoleon. Lord Clarendon, the British Foreign Secretary, has also had another audience with the Emperor.

Admiral, proclaiming liberty of worship in Cuba, will appear in the *Official Gazette* to-morrow. It is probable that Ferraro or Rosales will be sent to Cuba to resolve on the spot all questions of the Administration. The embarkation of reinforcements to Cuba has commenced. It is asserted Admiral Topete will command the fleet. The prospects of the Duke of Genoa, as candidate for the throne, are improving. His marriage with the daughter of Duke Montpensier is proposed.

Paris.—Gen. Prim has left on his return to Madrid, where he will arrive on Monday. The weather is stormy to-day.

Baron Von Beust, the Austrian Prime Minister, is expected here.

City of Mexico, 19; Havana, 18.—A preliminary meeting of Congress was held on the 8th inst. Sen. Montes, Speaker of the Supreme Court, has probably reversed the decision of the Guerrero State Courts, taxing the Pacific steamship company, a proceeding which favorably affects the New York and Mexican line, heretofore taxed at Sisal.

A revolution in Puebla is feared. Velasco, who arranged for the betrayal of Maximilian with Lopez, has been appointed Governor of this district. Opposition to the government is said to be increasing, and is growing to the subverting of the President. Vanquies and two sergeants, who conspired to capture the conductors, which contained treasure; disturbances are anticipated. Protestations are making rapid strides at Guano.

The villany of the court judges has become so serious that several have been removed.

Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY,

September 20th, 1899.

Editor Evening News.—Dear Sir,—During the six days of most painful suspense, while our son was yet under water, and afterwards, up to the time of his burial, many acts of kindness were freely bestowed by our known friends, and much labor expended by many of whom we are not personally acquainted; we feel, therefore, that a public expression of our warmest thanks and gratitude is due to all and every one who ministered in any way towards the recovery of his body from the watery grave, and up to the time of his final interment.

Your timely and unsolicited support tended very much to alleviate our sorrow, and in behalf of the whole family, we thank you very kindly, and subscribe ourselves, your friends in the gospel, and his parents,

GEORGE GODDARD,

ELIZABETH GODDARD.

ALL WELL AT SANTIAGO.—Bishop D. H. Holladay reports all well at Santiago, and the people rejoicing at an abundant harvest.

THE HORSE THIEVES.—After the horse thieves had been delivered over to the Deputy Sheriff of Cache Co., by the police

authorities of this city as stated in Saturday's News, Judge Wilson issued a writ of habeas corpus to have them appear before him. They are now out on heavy bail to appear before the 3rd District Court during its present setting.

ARRIVALS AT TOWNSEND HOUSE
J. P. Felt, U.S.A., Fort Bridger
Mrs. J. H. Riley, New York
J. P. Prindle, Chicago
J. A. Vincent and Lady, Grainger City
J. Paul and Lady Kansas
W. P. Kennedy, Idaho
O. L. Frost
John Coburn and Lady, Indianapolis
E. T. Sumwalt, Chicago
Governor Pico, Los Angeles
John G. Saxe and Lady, Albany
Col. W. E. Merrill, U.S.A.
W. A. Harris, England
J. G. Barnett, Omaha

Died:

In Salt Lake City, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, September 18th, of tetanus and scarlet fever, Mary Ada, only daughter of Henry K. and Mary C. Thomas, aged 31 months and 18 days. Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

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