

RICH HARVEST FROM AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO VISIT LONDON

Season Just Ending Was Record One in British Capital.

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All Classes Benefited by the Gold-bearing Invasion of Pleasure-hunting Yankees.

LONDON. — This year's American season in London has been in every way a record one, and the hotels and shopkeepers have benefited enormously by the rush of visitors from the other side of the Atlantic.

Not so very many years ago the West End tradesmen took next to nothing during the months when tourists went out of town. Business was practically stagnant until the mansions in the West End pulled up the blinds and opened the shutters and society returned.

Today things are different. The peaceful invasion of American pleasure-seekers has endowed London with a second season every day, and the result is a diamond merchant in Bond Street to the cabman plying for hire. London is recognized as the market place of the Americans, and London has been asked enough to cater especially for Americans during their season.

Everything is done to provide for them, as it were, a home from home. The restaurants have found out the virtue of ice water and soda fountains, and even the chemist contributes his quota to their comfort by stocking chewing gum. The result is satisfactory to all parties.

Harvest for Hotels.

Inquiries made yesterday among the tourist companies, hotels and steamship lines show that something like 60,000 Americans have visited London this year. Some remain for a brief five days, others dwell here for a longer period, but the hotels, large and small, and the boarding houses of Bloomsbury and Bayswater have been held by the invading Americans since March.

Between them these 60,000 Americans have spent about \$7,500,000, chiefly in London. This calculation is based on figures supplied by one of the great hotels, which alone has housed 600 Americans since March, and the average hotel bill of each has been \$250. There are at least five hotels which can give similar figures.

The combination of domestic servants and "lady helps" in New Zealand to take advantage of the local conciliation has grown in strength, and now the Domestic Workers' Union of Wellington is a power to be reckoned with. It is busy distributing circulars from house to house in all the principal towns calling upon all domestic servants, "generals" and lady helps to support the union. Applications have been made to the Arbitration Court for an award, and a conference between several leading employers and representatives of the servants has been held.

It is a noteworthy fact that the conference over wages. The great bone of contention has been the fixing of "time off." As matters stand, it is, of course, at the discretion of a mistress when and at what hours duties shall be performed. The New Zealand servants claim that they should have a certain "time off" every day—not necessarily time to get out of the house, but free time. It is contended that a servant ought not to be at the beck and call of her mistress night and day.

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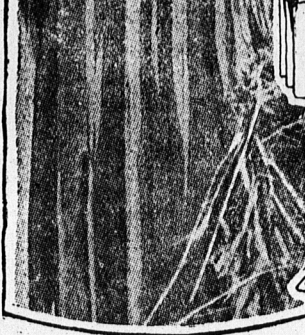
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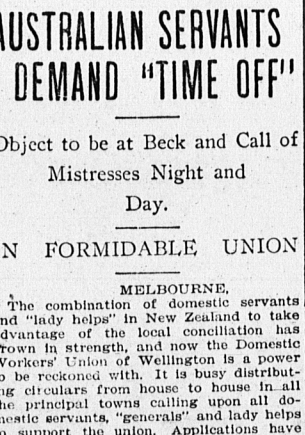
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A Woman of Kashgar and her baby's cradle



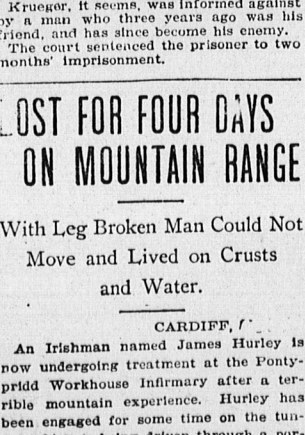
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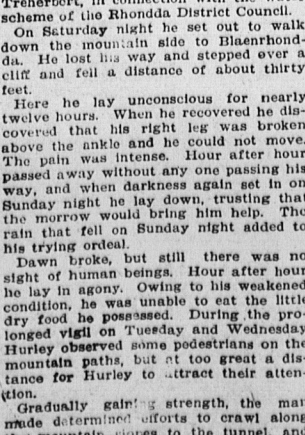
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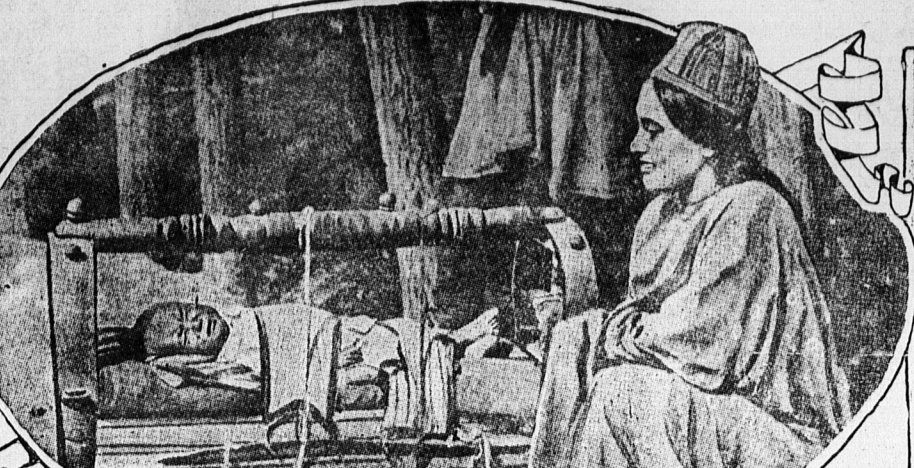
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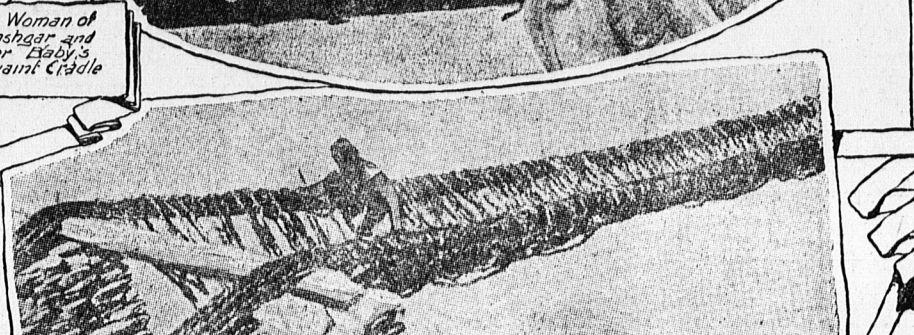
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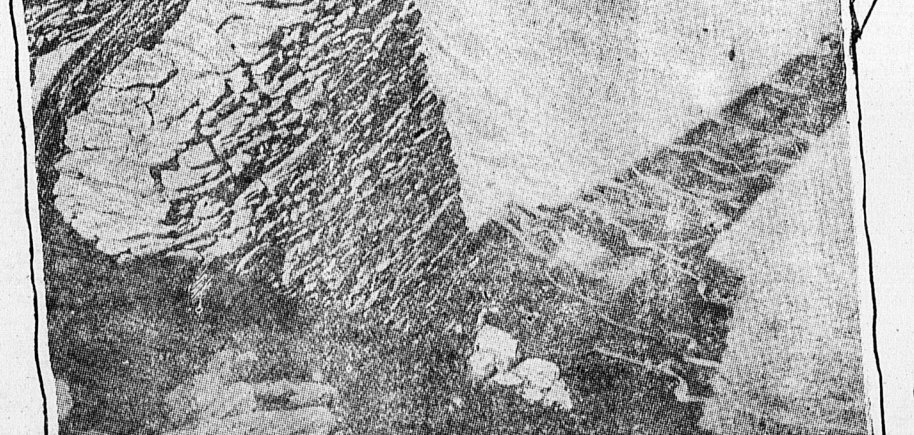
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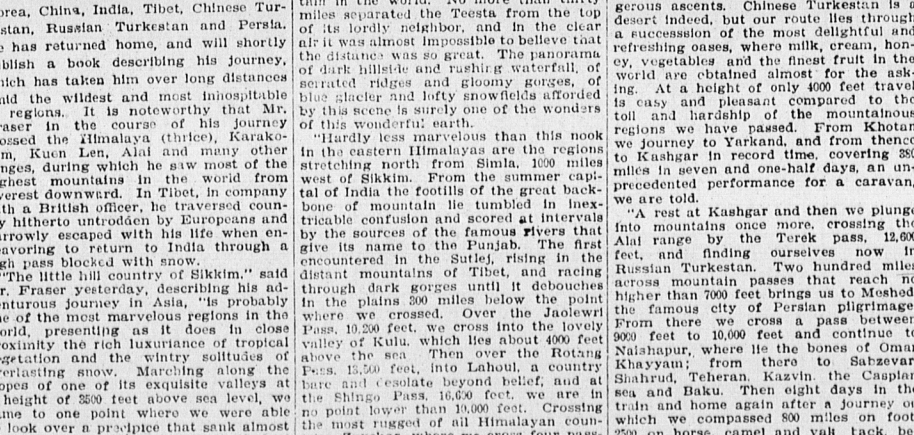
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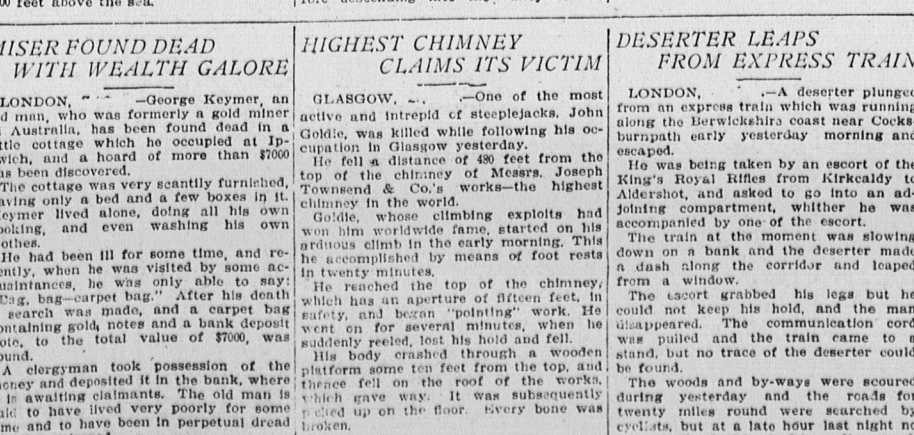
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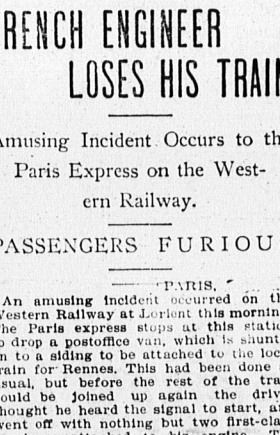
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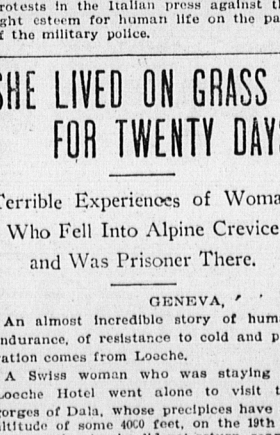
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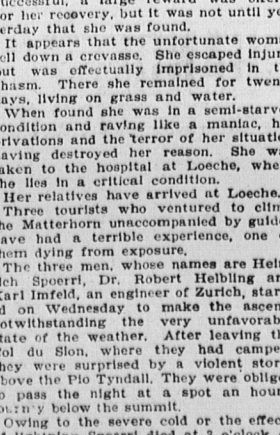
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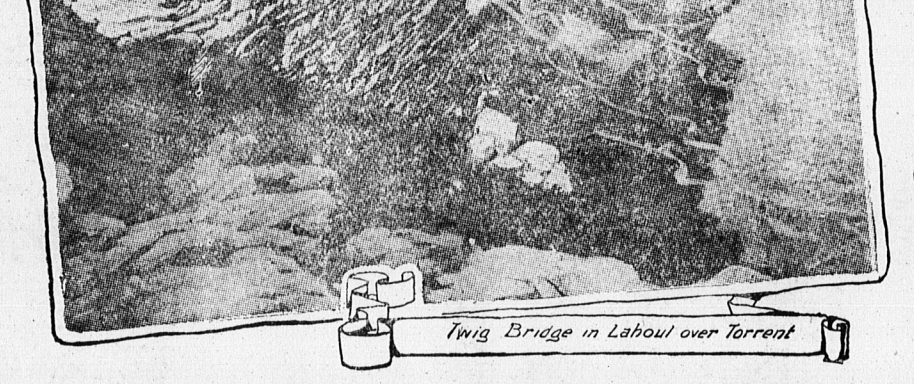
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LONDON. — David Fraser, who represented the London Times during the war in Manchuria, left General Nogai's army at the declaration of peace in 1925, since when he has been travelling in Korea, China, India, Tibet, Chinese Turkestan, Russian Turkestan and Persia. He has returned home, and will shortly publish a book describing his journey, which has taken him over long distances amid the wildest and most inaccessible of regions. It is noteworthy that Mr. Fraser in the course of his journey crossed the Himalayas (three), Karakoram, Kuen Len, Alai and many other ranges, during which he saw most of the highest mountains in the world from Everest downward. In Tibet, in company with a British officer, he traversed a hitherto untroubled by Europeans and narrowly escaped with his life when endeavoring to return to India through a high pass blocked with snow.

"The little hill country of Sikkim," said Mr. Fraser yesterday, describing his adventurous journey in Asia, "is probably one of the most marvelous regions in the world, presenting as it does in close proximity the rich luxuriance of tropical vegetation and the wintry solitudes of everlasting snow. Marching along the slopes of one of its exquisite valleys at a height of 200 feet above sea level, we came to one point where we were able to look over a precipice that sank almost straight down for 2000 feet to the bed of the Teesta river 1500 feet above the sea. On the opposite side of the valley was a deep rift in the tree-clad hills, and looking up this gorge the eye surmounted ridge after ridge in quick succession, until it finally rested on the top of Kinchinjunga, 28,120 feet, the third highest mountain in the world. No more than thirty miles separated the Teesta from the top of its lofty neighbor, and in the clear air it was almost impossible to believe that the distance was so great. The panorama of dark hills and rushing waterfall, of serrated ridges and gloomy gorges, of blue glacier and lofty snowfields afforded by this scene is surely one of the wonders of this wonderful earth.

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"A rest at Kashgar and then we plunge into mountainous ones more, crossing the Alai range by the Terek pass, 12,000 feet, and finding ourselves now in Russian Turkestan. Two hundred miles across mountain passes that reach higher than 7000 feet brings us to Moshed, the famous city of Persian pilgrimages. From there we cross a pass and continue to Nalshapur, where lie the bones of Omar Khayyam; from there to Salsazar, Shahrud, Tahrans, Kavavin, the Capital of the desert, and then eight days in a train and home again after a journey on which we compassed 800 miles on foot, 250 on horse camel and yak pack, besides several thousands more by carriage and rail."

GLASGOW. — One of the most active and intrepid of steepclimbers, John Goidle, was killed while following his occupation in Glasgow yesterday. He fell a distance of 400 feet from the top of the chimney of Messrs. Joseph Townsend & Co.'s works—the highest chimney in the world. Goidle, whose climbing exploits had won him worldwide fame, started on his climb in the early morning. This he accomplished by means of foot rests in twenty minutes. He reached the top of the chimney, which has an aperture of fifteen feet in width, and began "pointing" work. He went on for several minutes, when he suddenly slipped, lost his hold and fell. His body crashed through a wooden platform some ten feet from the top, and thence fell on the roof of the works, which was an aperture of fifteen feet in width, and he was subsequently crushed to death. His body was recovered and buried in the cemetery.

Fatal Cat Scratch. — It was stated at the inquest at the East London Coroner's Court yesterday on the death of a young man, that death was due to a cat scratch received six weeks ago.

MISER FOUND DEAD WITH WEALTH GALORE. — George Keymer, an old man, who was formerly a gold miner in Australia, has been found dead in a little cottage which he occupied at Ipswich, and a hoard of more than \$7000 was discovered. The cottage was very scantily furnished, having only a bed and a few boxes in it. Keymer lived alone, doing all his own cooking, and even washing his own clothes. He had been ill for some time, and when he was visited by some acquaintances, he was only able to say "Ezzy bag—carpet bag." After his death a search was made, and a carpet bag containing gold notes and a bank deposit note, to the total value of \$7000, was discovered. A clergyman took possession of the money and deposited it in the bank, where it is awaiting claimants. The old man is said to have lived very poorly for some time and to have been in perpetual dread of being poisoned.

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DESERTER LEAPS FROM EXPRESS TRAIN. — A deserter running from an express train which was plugging along the Berwickshire coast near Cockburnspath early yesterday morning and escaped. He was being taken by an escort of the King's Royal Rifles from Kirkcaldy to Aldershot, and asked to go into an adjoining compartment, whether he was accompanied by one of the escort. The train at the moment was slowing down on a bank and the deserter made a dash along the corridor and leaped from a window. The escort grabbed his legs but he could not keep his hold, and the man disappeared. The communication cord was pulled and the train came to a stand, but no trace of the deserter could be found. The woods and by-ways were scoured during yesterday and the roads for several miles round were searched by cyclists, but at a late hour last night no trace of the fugitive had been discovered.

Cow as Ostich. — A woman's hatpin and a hatpin were found as the result of a post-mortem examination on a cow at L. Ingham (Glenelg). A piece of wire had penetrated the animal's heart.

IMPRISONED IN CABIN OF SINKING SHIP

Mate of Steam Trawler in Terrible Position, With Death Looming Nigh.

FIGHT FOR DEAR LIFE

Ebb of Tide Brings a Remarkable Release When All Hope of Rescue Fled.

LONDON.

Harry Willey, the mate of the ill-fated Hull steam trawler Quail, sunk in the Humber after being run into by the Wilson liner Dynamo, was sufficiently recovered from the effects of his exciting fight for life in the cabin of the sinking ship to be discharged from Hull Royal Infirmary yesterday.

Under a great deal of nursing he speedily recovered and, although still weak from severe shock, he bears himself quite modestly, and as is characteristic of most of his class, he looks upon his thrilling experience in the most matter-of-fact fashion.

"I had turned in about three-quarters of an hour," he said yesterday, "when I was awakened by a violent concussion, which made the vessel tremble from end to end. Before I had scarcely time to realize what was happening I saw water rushing into the cabin from all sides.

Found Cabin Door Closed. — "My comrades had fled, and I tumbled out of my berth and made for the cabin door as quickly as my legs would carry me. The weight of the water, however, kept it closed, I pulled at it desperately, but I could not move it, and in a very few moments the water had reached my waist, and I got on the cabin table to see if there was any possibility of escape from my prison by way of the skylight.

"The water still continued to come in from the sides of the ship, and to save myself from drowning I had to keep standing on the cabin table, but even there I was compelled to stand as erect as possible on my toes. So as to keep the water from getting into my mouth my head was attached to the local train for Rennes. This had been done as usual, but before the rest of the train could be joined up again the driver thought he heard the signal to start, and went off with nothing but two first-class carriages attached to his engine. The whistles of the station officials and the yells of the disappointed passengers left behind had no effect.

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A Horrible Moment. — "It was a horrible moment when their hammering ceased and I was left there alone. I had nearly given up altogether, and once I slipped from my foothold, but was fortunately borne again to the surface, where I caught hold of the projecting ledge of the framework. I held on to it for some time like grim death, wounding and watching for what was to happen next. I thought I should never see land again. My heart sank within me, and I was beginning to despair, when I noticed the water began to ebb. We had apparently sunk in shallow water. Down and down it went, and with every inch my hopes grew stronger. I held on to the bone, but I held on, and presently was able to again reach the cabin door.

"By degrees I pulled it inward—one inch—then two—and then three—until it came open wide, and the water rushing out carried me with it in safety to the upper deck. The force of the water was so great that my feet never once touched the steps of the companion way. The vessel was deserted, but I could see the Wilson liner nearby, and presently they saw me and sent a boat to fetch me, and with my comrades, who had given me up for lost, I was taken back to Hull."

More than an hour elapsed during Willey's exciting adventure. The cabin is, as usual with all steam trawlers, in the middle of the ship, and the bunks placed on either side, and it is lighted from above, with an electric light, which proved Willey's salvation. The Dynamo crashed into the Quail's cabin on the starboard side, and caused a great crush of water, which eventually flooded the door and held Willey a prisoner.

FRENCH ENGINEER LOSES HIS TRAIN

Amusing Incident Occurs to the Paris Express on the Western Railway.

PASSENGERS FURIOUS

PARIS.

An amusing incident occurred on the Western Railway at Le Mans this morning. The Paris express stops at this station to drop a postoffice van, which is shunted on to a siding to be attached to the local train for Rennes. This had been done as usual, but before the rest of the train could be joined up again the driver thought he heard the signal to start, and went off with nothing but two first-class carriages attached to his engine. The whistles of the station officials and the yells of the disappointed passengers left behind had no effect.

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STRIKE RIOTS IN ITALY

Hospital at Parma Filled With Wounded Victims.

MILAN.

The scene of savage rioting arising from the strike of electricians, the locomotive drivers, wounded, civilians and carabinieri, who were stoned or shot in the fray. Signor Molossi, sub-director of the Parma Gasworks, who was on duty during the riot, was shot dead by musketry fire. His grave was found pierced by no fewer than thirteen bullets.

The peaceful agency of this sort of slaughter in Italy during the last few weeks has given occasion to indignant protests in the Italian press against the light of honor in life on the part of the military police.

SHE LIVED ON GRASS FOR TWENTY DAYS

Terrible Experiences of Woman Who Fell Into Alpine Crevice and Was Prisoner There.

GENEVA.

An almost incredible story of human endurance, of resistance to cold and privation comes from Locche. A Swiss woman who was staying at Locche Hotel went alone to visit the gorges of Dala, whose precipices have an altitude of some 4000 feet, on the 19th of last month. As she did not return, search parties were sent out. These proving unsuccessful, a large reward was offered for her recovery, but it was not until yesterday that she was found.

It appears that the unfortunate woman fell down a crevasse. She escaped injury, but was effectually imprisoned in the chasm. There she remained for twenty days, living on grass and water. Her condition and raving like a maniac, her privations and the terror of her situation having destroyed her reason, she was taken to the hospital at Locche, where she lies in a critical condition.

Her relatives have arrived at Locche. Three tourers who ventured to climb the Matterhorn unaccompanied by guides have had a terrible experience, one of them dying from exposure.

The three men, whose names are Heinrich Spoerli, Dr. Robert Hebling and Karl Imfeld, an engineer of Zurich, started on Wednesday to make the ascent, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather. After leaving the Col du Sion, where they had camped, they were surprised by a violent storm above the Pio Tyn dall. They were obliged to pass the night at a spot an hour's journey below the summit.

Owing to the severe cold or the effects of lightning Spoerli died at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Hebling and Imfeld pressed forward, a return to the Italian side having become impossible. After an intense suffering they arrived yesterday evening at Zermatt, having passed the night at a spot near the shoulder of the Matterhorn.

OLD BATTLESHIP TO BE SUNK WITH GUNS

The Hero of the British Navy Will End Her Days as a Target.

PLYMOUTH.

The old twin-screw armored battleship Hero arrived yesterday at Portsmouth, thus completing what will probably be her last voyage. She was towed from the Kyles of Bute by the battleship Hambleton.

The Hero is to be used in a series of important experiments to ascertain the effect of modern armor-piercing shells fired under various conditions. Her sides will be heavily armored, and she will be used as a target by the fleet.

She will probably go to her doom under her own steam. At any rate, her boilers, guns, barbettes, engines, and other parts will remain intact.

The Hero has a displacement of 6200 tons, with an indicated horsepower of 4000 under natural draught, and 4000 under forced draught. She was built at Chatham, and launched in 1885. Her armament consists of two 12-inch guns, four 6-inch guns, seven 6-pounders, and an anti-aircraft gun. She was tender to the gunnery school at Portsmouth for several years, but was relieved and condemned to the scrap heap about eighteen months ago.

8000 PRISONERS RELEASED

King of Roumania Grants Amnesty to Participants in Revolt.

BUCHAREST. — The king has granted an amnesty to all persons condemned, or arrested, as a matter of precaution, for political crimes, or for being implicated as instigators or leaders of the recent revolt. The amnesty does not include some 200 priests and officers, nor the persons sentenced for murders during the revolt. All the prisoners, who number about 8000, will be released at once. The news was received with enthusiasm everywhere, cries of "Long live the king" being raised.