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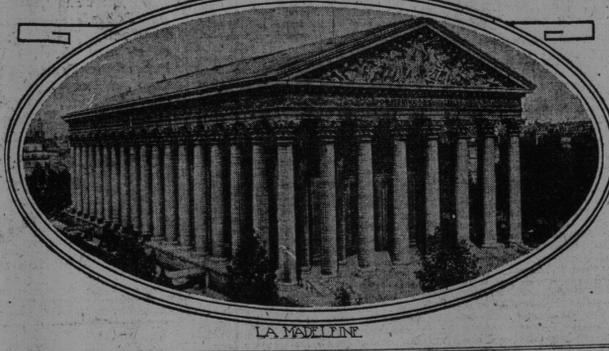
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John Sanborn, Who Made His Fortune in Western Gold Fields in 1852, Still Lives.

(New York Herald)

John Sanborn, of Laconia, N. H., is one of the most of the Granite State who saw the wild life of the California coast in "the days of gold." Though not quite a "forty-niner" he is nearly so, and many of the tales he tells of his experiences are as thrilling as fiction.

Mr. Sanborn was born in London, N. H., July 17, 1827, and was brought up on a farm. In 1852 he caught the gold fever and left home to seek his fortune on the Pacific coast. He joined a party which sailed from New York in a steamer of the Nicaragua route. The journey across Nicaragua was made on horseback and by trail over the mountains and rivers and lakes.

On account of the week of the steamer North America with which the party was to connect at the Pacific coast, they had to lay over forty days waiting the arrival of another steamer from San Francisco. Many of the party became sick and had to leave the steamer.

This boat could not take all, so they were drawn for places. The steamer was obliged to lay a long distance off shore, and the passengers were conveyed out to her in boats. When Mr. Sanborn got to the steamer's side he was told his number was so high that he was deferred from passage. Spurred on by the dread of remaining forty days more in the deadly climate ashore, he approached the side of the steamer at another point, and by throwing the end of a hammock, which he carried wound round his carpet bag, to some of the passengers on deck he was pulled on board by them unobserved by the officers of the ship.

From San Francisco Mr. Sanborn went to Oregon City, Clatsop county, where he made his headquarters for the next four years, prospecting for gold.

During this time he did not strike it rich. In 1850 he visited his New Hampshire home, remaining six months. In eight months from leaving California he was back there again.

On the second trip to the Pacific coast he was in the terrible railroad accident on the Panama Railroad in which 90 were killed and 150 injured. Mr. Sanborn being among the latter. This time Mr. Sanborn was in California about two and a half years and had better success. After visiting his parents in London he went back to California for a third time. Taking up a claim on Walker's River, near Esmeralda, he became sick from drinking alkali water and was forced to return to San Francisco in charge of Dr. O. P. Warren, of Pittsfield, N. H. He was ill for several weeks. Next, going to Oregon City, he resumed his hunt for gold. This time fortune favored him. After a few years, having taken a moderate fortune from the ground he sold his claim and in 1864 came to Laconia, where he has ever since lived. He was married in that year to Miss Maria Thornbald, of Pittsfield, N. H., and has one son, Wilson J. Sanborn, of Boston.

shipment in December is expected to be smaller than this. Should only \$1,000,000 of gold be sent to Brazil in December we shall apparently receive on balance about \$1,000,000 from abroad, unless there is a demand from other quarters. As regards Argentina, no demand is expected until January. Russia is also understood to be disposed to disturb the London market, and is apparently willing to leave its balance here until the New Year, while the Indian Government is believed to have made arrangements by which it will be able to avoid re-marketing gold in the Bank of England. Hence, so far as the foreign demand is concerned, the outlook is distinctly encouraging.

We have, however, omitted to mention one direction about which there is some uncertainty. Money in New York this week has been fairly plentiful, but during December it is expected to be greatly wanted, and the New York banks will apparently have considerable difficulty in maintaining their reserves at the legal minimum. Unless the Secretary of the Treasury sets free an additional amount of cash, pressure for money in New York may cause exchange again to fall to gold point, and may bring renewed shipments. Mr. Shaw has, however, displayed a thorough grasp of the situation, and is certain that if New York withdraws gold from London at the present time international trade will be seriously disturbed.

Apart from New York, the conditions are favorable for the import of gold on balance by London during December. The demand for the province will, however, be a heavy one. The high rates for money in London have induced provincial bankers to send all the spare money they possess to be employed in the London market, and inasmuch as they always need a large amount of cash to meet the demands upon them in December, the demand for the withdrawal of some \$4,000,000 of cash for the province will be much greater than usual, and we must look forward to the withdrawal of some \$4,000,000 of cash for the province. The bank's reserve would not be reduced beneath \$20,000,000 next month, unless the demand for gold for foreign accounts proves to be much greater than this year may be somewhat less. It is, of course, not wise to slant until one is out of the wood, but the indications are certainly to the Bank of England maintaining its reserves during December at a figure which will compare not unfavorably with that of last year. At the end of December, 1905, its reserve fell to \$17,000,000, owing to the combined effect of the usual withdrawals of cash for the country, the export of gold to South America, and the earmarking of gold for India.

But although the situation so far as December is concerned has improved, we must look forward to relatively high rates for money well into the New Year. In the first place it should be realized that the delay in taking gold when it is needed merely means that the amount ultimately to be taken will be the larger. Consequently, when cash returns from the country in January to the extent of \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000, we may find that the usual addition to the reserve is lacking, owing to heavy withdrawals of gold for export. Brazil in January is expected to take an additional amount. Argentina will probably need a considerable sum, and the demand for money in the Far East, which is always strongest in January, may necessitate either the shipment of gold to India or the earmarking of a large amount for the Indian Government. And, lastly, we have the possibility that the Russian government may desire to take a portion of the money now lying to her credit in London.

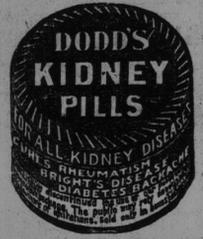
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