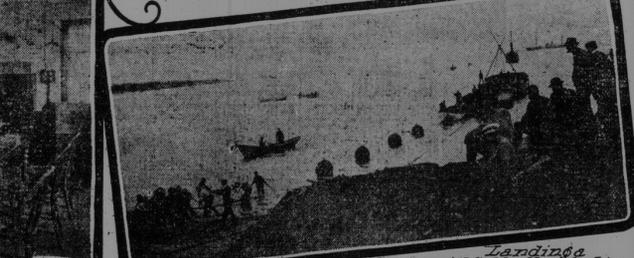


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Landing Commercial Cable, Nova Scotia



Cable Steamer

JUST 50 years ago the first Atlantic cable, after an unsuccessful attempt the year before, was laid between Valentia Island, Ireland and Trinity Bay, Newfoundland...

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE. It was then that the British Queen sent the following: 'The Queen desires to congratulate the President upon the successful completion of this great international work, in which the Queen has taken a great interest.'

The Queen has much pleasure in thus communicating with the President and renewing to him her wishes for the prosperity of the United States. To the gracious greeting President Buchanan replied: 'The President cordially reciprocates the congratulations of Her Majesty, the Queen, on the success of the great international enterprise accomplished by the science, skill and indomitable energy of the two countries.'

LOSS OF FIRST CABLE. Unfortunately, after but 400 messages had passed over the cable, it broke. It was a sad blow to Mr. Field and his associates, and it was not until 1865 that the project was again taken up.

THE BUDGET SERVICE. In the early 60's the average ocean mail boat was 13 days en route from Liverpool to New York, but, on the seventh day of the year before, and since then cable communication has never been interrupted.

PERILS OF REPAIRMENT. Not the least dangerous part of the budget service was the maintaining of the cable when it was broken. The Allen liner Anglo-Saxon was not so fortunate. Early on the morning of April 27, 1863, she was making her way in through a dense fog, when she struck on the reefs at Chance Cove.

BATTLING the PLAGUE UNCLE SAM IS SPENDING THOUSANDS TO STAMP OUT THE DREAD DISEASE



Typical Filipino Homes where the Plague Rages



Street Inhabited by Chinese



Physician Inoculating a Chinaman

TEN millions of dollars is about the bill Uncle Sam has to foot in order to fight off the grim clutch of King Death, under his favorite guise of bubonic plague in the Philippine Islands. The plague has always been found in Manila and sweeping through the entire Philippine archipelago taking toll of the shivering millions by the tens of thousands.

plague can do to human beings is told in the laconic figures of the History of Medicine. In 1324 the bubonic plague was endemic; that is, it was world-wide and swept the nations with an awful scourge from China clear to Norway.

entirely the lower classes. Among the population where personal cleanliness is held next to godliness few cases of plague occur. Of course, anyone is exposed to the bite of an infected flea while passing near some Chinaman or Filipino who permits himself to carry about these tiny pests.

to assume as of itself sufficient to explain the death rate of six men to one woman from bubonic infection. The earliest death from plague comes from the pneumonic form in which the lungs become the infected portion of the body. Death comes to these victims in a few hours at most.

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