ADVERTISING BRITISH COL-UMBIA

needs them sorely. Now that the North- dozen years. We have just entered what west is rapidly filling up and will be de- promises to be the greatest era of railmanding with constantly increasing ap- way building in the history of the counpetite the fruit that can be produced in try. The Grand Trunk Pacific has comgreat variety in British Columbia, the menced construction of the part of its time has come, as Mr. Kerr, of the C. line which will convert it in process of P. R., has been pointing out in a timely time into a trancontoinental road. The address, for a systematic presentation in prospects are that before the "dirt has the most likely quarters from which the fled" far enough to permit of ships passright kind of settlers can be procured of ing between the continents at Panama the advantages of British Columbia as there will be three railways operating a home for an industrious class of peo- from tidewater to tidewater across Canple. In years gone by, when there was ada. Within a short time more than a practically no market outside of the pro- thousand teams of horses, with a corresvince for our fruit, even if it had been of the variety that could command a mar- in the work of grading the most urgent ket, there was little inducement for the part of the line, that which will serve horticulturist to exercise his talents. Now the conditions are entirely changed. There is plenty of room in British Columbia for the industrious man, and a in great distress of mind because there promise of a full and rich recompense is no indication of activity in British

It has been suggested that as Great Britain is the country from which the most suitable settlers can be procured, that our old friend and quondam political adversary, Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, being an enthusiastic admirer of this land and possessing an unequalled knowledge of the attractions it would present to the sport-loving Briton if its claims were faithfully and truly set forth, and perhaps just a trifle idealized by a person of poetic temperament, would be the man to secure for this laudable purpose. We are in complete accord with the suggestion thus put forth. The captain as a litterateur has gained considerable fame in Great Britain. In thoroughly familar and with which he

gration agent without loss of time, the able servant? We understand the present provincial government would be ent provincial government would be pleased if a sufficient excuse could be pleased if a sufficient excuse given by the assument of the farmers of the Northwest. The fidence in the future has been re-established, and the prospects are that Britished, and the prospects are that Br that the Colonist, which heartily supports the prosperity that has been general in surprise to many people in British Columthe suggestion of the appointment of Canada. Capt. Wolley, is favorable to the retire ment of its old and tried friend. The sources of the Victoria Tourist Associa-Are we to regard the subject as merely and potential behind it?

AN ASTOUNDING VERDICT.

tario corner's jury finds that the culprit did not commit a crime. The slayer his victims, who were accounted by the Governor-in-Council. Within a few the pertinacity and the resourcefulness community in which they lived undesir- weeks the company will be ready to subthe district that the Hills were unworthy members of the district, and that in the interests of morality they should be in- the main line of the Canadian Pacific. timidated into leaving the country. In "This," said Mr. Morse, "is unavoidable. pursuance of the scheme of intimidation Parliament desired that the Grand the sins of the father were visited upon the heads of the children even to the point of murder, or at least manslaughter, and the sentiment of the community that the family "got what was coming to it" is reflected in the verdict of acquittal. Northern had apparently made up their The Hill murder case is not the first evidence Ontario has furnished of late of a marked deterioration in the popular sentiment respecting law and order. More branch lines only. It is far too importthan one community has taken the law ant a tract of country to be treated in into its own hands and administered such | that fashion. punishment as it deemed fitting upon those who were regarded as offenders against the local canons of good citizen- Northern friends to plead the sauctity of ship. In one instance an individual was whipped and tarred and feathered on the branches-which have been handsomely assumed ground that he was guilty of ill- subsidized in cash and lands by the peotreating his wife. The Attorney-General | ple-against the present overwhelming of the province took action, but was un- demand for competition. In the province able to secure a conviction against the of Ontario these two roads are in many offenders because of the pronounced local places paralleling the Grand Trunk, runsentiment that the abused individual ning within sight of it for miles at a that the Hill case is practically a conse- ment for protection. The Grand Trunk quence of the failure of justice in the tar and feathers case. But it indicates mand and are entitled to competition. unmistakably the trend of public opinion | Surely the people of the Northwest have in Ontario, and it surely behooves the a right to the same consideration." provincial authorities to take such action as will impress the public with a due sense of respect for personal liberty and have the main line connections, Mr. the sacredness of human life. It is hard. Morse said the company would be glad ly likely that the verdict of the coroner's to put every western town, if that were

"THE GROWING TIME."

Canada is the land in which the "dirt British Columbia needs settlers, and will fly" in earnest for the next half rates than they have to-day. ponding number of men, will be engaged the wheat fields of the great Northwest. The opopnents of the Dominion government in the province profess to be Columbia. All in good time. There is no urgent demand for a railway in the northern part of British Columbia. Settlers are not waiting impatiently up there the northern part of our province by another transcontinental railway never entered the minds of the opposition. They Trunk people does not appear to the fairtemperament we believe he is specially minded as founded upon justice or fair fact that the C. P. R., if it were true that qualified to fire the imagination of the play. They opposed the Grand Trunk Briton, and upon the platform, dealing with a subject upon which he would be ability. They opposed it because of their would be in complete sympathy, he would habit of unthinking and unreasoning be sure to do great service for British partizan opposition. They antagonized and all but succeeded in killing the V., But while we understand that Captain V. & E. bill also, in which was involved Wolley is later to "throw politics to the a scheme of more immediate importance dogs" as an unprofitable field and is will- to British Columbia than the construcing to undertake his mission as an immition in haste of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Fortunately, the representatives of Britquarter from which the funds would be ish Columbia succeeded in awakening the drawn to support him in suitable style Liberal representatives of the East to in his position hath not yet been made the importance of the line to the people clear. British Columbia already main- of Southern British Columbia. In contains at great expense a resident agent-

resentative at Montreal recently, Mr. maintenance of a missionary such as Morse, the well-known vice-president and Capt. Wolley would be beyond the regeneral manager of the Grand Trunk Pa- cess does this hitherto unknown and uncific, explained that the route selected tion, and besides the mission would be for the new line by the engineers of his Similkameen & Keremeos Railway Coma provincial one, and the benefits to be company would give the shortest route pany, under the stimulating impulse imderived from it general, not merely local. between Portage la Prairie and Edmonton. The line will run directly through a matter for academic late summer discussion, or is there something practical | Canadian Pacific railroad, main line on the south and the Canadian Northern on the north. The table of distances from Winnipeg to Edmonton are 1,304 miles by the C. P. R., 825 by the C. N. R. and A fool with a rifle kills one child and 780 by the G. T. P. The new line will seriously wounds another, and an On travel between these two points almost it has been located for a distance of 275 miles west of Portage la Prairie. This merely meant to frighten the family of location has been approved by the able citizens. There was a sentiment in mit the location of 450 miles more, which will carry the road into Edmonton. Complaint is made that in places it will go too close to some of the branches and to Trunk Pacific should, as far as engineering limitations would permit, run in bee-line from Moncton to the Pacific Ocean. This programme will be fulfilled to the letter.

In an interview with a newspaper rep-

"The Canadian Pacific and Canadian minds to divide this splendid territory through which our main line will - run between themselves and to serve the settlers who might do in between with

"It is idle," Mr. Morse continued, "for our Canadian Pacific and Canadian vested interests in private main lines and "got no more than he deserved." It stretch, yet the Grand Trunk has in no would perhaps be going too far to assume | single instance appealed to the governrecognizes that the people of Ontario de-

Regarding the applications of Brandon, Regina, Calgary and Prince Albert to jury will be the final word in the black possible, on its line, but it was impos- of Nippen, as a result of the war the tise and keep everlastingly at it- success

the country. These and other towns been amply satisfied and gratified. As would be placed on well equipped the Times has already pointed out, Japan branches, and they would be given lower | was not in a position to extort terms in

C. P. R. STRATEGY. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, as a distinctively Canadian institution which is willing to do business in the profit, and also by reason of its tremendous influerce upon Canadian public affairs, is a corporation which compels our admiration and reverence. But the company's ambitions should be thwartwere told to draw a weird picture of the up the sword. evils that would surely follow in the train of the advent of an American road within the preserves of the loyal and patriotic had never contemplated the practicability | Canadian corporation. A considerable nor the feasibility of such a thing. Con- number of the members of parliament sequently their protestations respecting were impressed, or affected to be imthe alleged injustice to this province in- pressed, by the arguments of the apostles volved in the contract with the Grand of monopoly. But in the end common sense prevailed, when the absurdity of the contensions was proved by the very railways crossing the boundary were bound to drain Canada of her resources was itself one of the principal denuders, as it crossed the boundary whenever business reasons seemed to demand that

it should do so. ment did not daunt the minds of the men who direct the operations of the C. P. R. It has not yet given up the fight yesterday taken up for an hour with the this section of the Dominion. consideration of the V., V. & E. Comto file plans for construction over the V., V. & E. By what mysterious prosuspected railway corporation, the parted by the prospect of the construction of a railway which is something activity and assert its rights to recognition and essay to block the V., V. & E.? The explanation is simple. The Similkameea & Keremeos charter, after the manner of many of its kind issued by careless legislatures, is the property of the C. P. R., and the C. P. R. now tinds it useful in its business of attempting to perpetuate its monopoly. The C. P. R. is fighting the Great Northern to the last ditch, and, great as is our admiration for of the great and patriotic Canadian corporation, we hope, for the sake of Southern British Columbia and the realization

JAPAN'S "BACKDOWN."

of the prospect of railway communica-

peace also hath her victories, have played their usual braggadocio, are proclaiming be done, even it the interests of the company coast of the United States within easy country and the interests of the company sions, that they paid not a kopeck as the or fears that time will vindicate in a ening East. adherence to their original position and their inflexible determination to mainfain what they term their national carpings at the actions of British-Cohonor they carried all before them diplo- lumbia's representatives. matically. Perhaps M. Witte and his fellow plenipotentiaries are entitled to all the consolation they can extract from the millionaire merchant, says: "I do the satisfactory conclusion of a most in- the heaviest advertising in dull times. glorious land and sea campaign. But This is when people look more keenly for the Japs have brought to a climax one bargains, anxious to know how much of the most remarkable of wars-a con- things cost and where they can save test in which from beginning to end they money. I advertise particular things, lost not a single point-with a great give prices and take as much pains with moral victory which has gained them the my announcement as I do with my stock. good opinion of the world, and, with I never permit my announcements to characteristic self-repression, not a sin- lag, and never miss an issue in my chosen gle syllable of vain-glorious laudation publications. Advertising has made my has escaped from their mouths.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding the mous proportions. My advice to mermagnanimous concessions of the people chants, no matter how small, is advercrime perpetrated against the Hill family. sible to deflect a railway up and down territorial ambitions of the victors have is sure."

any degree corresponding to those ex tracted from France by the victorious Germans. It would not be possible for any nation, certainly it would be impossible for any Far Eastern nation, to overrun Muscovy as the eGrmans poured into France, seize the capital, dic-United States when doing business with tating such terms as they pleased as the the United States can be done with price of withdrawal. But all that Japan spoken people termed an insolent or upon her additional honors. By her offensive attempt to dictate to the Dom- prowess on the field she has not only

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Columbia. And the treachery of the renegades was aggravated and accentuated by the further provision for the ated by the ated by the further provision for the ated by the ated by the further provision for the ated by the But it appears that defeat in parlia- poration through the southern portion of and many English proprietors have the direct communication between the coast tres.

bia, has protested that it was the first tirely their own interests when they apground proposed to be traversed by the proached the government of Canada upon the subject, and their interests were all centred upon obtaining access to the prolific prairies. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Havs that if his company hoped for assistance from the coun-Atlantic to the Pacific, opening up an fall. For fifteen centuries before Christ. entirely new section of Caada and con- and for fifteen centuries since Christ. tract.

with an adequate conception of the com- sether. parative physical and other difficulties, expect that the Eastern or the Mountain | But the Atlantic in turn is to give sections of the Grand Trunk Pacific could be surveyed, the most feasible routes chosen and the rails laid within of the great expectations which have the same space of time as the level prai- of nations will be decided on its waters; been awakened in the interior as a result rie divisions? The idea is absurd. The great Empires will rise on its shores; indignation at the alleged injustice that trade will find new routes across its surtion, that the final attempt to block the has been done British Columbia because of the celerity with which the work on the prairies is to be prosecuted is simulations. The prairies is to be prosecuted is simulations of the world more propath of progress will not prove successthe prairies is to be prosecuted is simu- foundly than even Trafalgar did—has tated and hypocritical. In accordance been fought on its waters. On the eastwith the assurance of Mr. Hays, as soon ern edge of the great sea a new Power The victorious Japanese, realizing that as the surveys in British Columbia have has arisen with which the civilized world been completed, and the best possible thread of humid, fever-haunted, rivergrades secured, the work of construction torn soil that links the two Americas tothe chivalrous, generous and magnanim- will be proceeded with with all possible gether, and bars the trade of Europe to ous part, have appreciably abated their dispatch and the line put in operation the East, is about to be cut; the strenuapparently reasonable claims, and have throughout its entire length with the ous American has thrust aside the semithus made an end of one of the bloodiest least possible delay. The interests of within memorable distance of accomplishment; and when it is cut it will be done, even if the interests of the bring the great cities on the eastern were not identical. The opposition knows reach of Australia and the whole awakvital matter of railway construction,

> About advertising, John Wanamaker, store-it will make others grow to enor

OUR LONDON LETTER

£400 French Press Association lottery reason of these movements was only closely connected had not a large share prize, is being inundated with letters pro- slightly in excess of one-eighth-2s. 6d. in the ordaining of celibacy for asylum posing marriage. Every mail adds to the list of enterprising suitors for the fair widow's hand, and purse, but even the in respect of fixed charges, rents, salaries, is the bachelors and spinsters who fill our price of withdrawal. But all that Japan demanded from Russia previous to the suit of a marquis is tabulated with the conclusion that a rate of 5s. per cent. demanded from Russia pressure of a marquis is tabulated with the conclusion that a lace of os. per cuts of a marquis is tabulated with the conclusion that a lace of os. per cuts of the community, and the community of the community of the community, and the community of the community o established a protectorate over Korea. concern. Free drinks ruled, it is said, ance company to charge to cover all con-There can henceforth be no Russian in the canteen of the 28th Regiment of the fact that this system of strike insurmenace to her interests in Manchuria.

Dragoons on the day following the anance might put an end to strike usurmedical officers concerned, that none of Canadian Pacific Railway Company's No frowning fortress sitting beneath the nouncement of the result, and the buxom the workers would realize that by stop- its members are likely to lessen the ambitions are not invariably in consonance and harmony with the best interance and harmony with the best interests of Canadians. For that reason it is railway through Manchuria, which cost Regiment has been her special care for ests of Canadians. For that reason it is necessary, sometimes, in the public interests that the great Canadian railway through Manchuria, which cost many millions and which was built with an eye to the development of the public interests that the great Canadian railway through Manchuria, which cost many years. It was presided over by her father and mother before her and during insurance rate, while, on the other hand, useful and interesting information on the insurance rates, while, on the other hand, cure of bad habits. The writer declare schemes of future aggrandizement at the centre of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities, and in the disexpense of hapless, helpless China, has charge of her activities and has charge of her acti ed. During the late session of parliabeen confiscated, and a barrier thus effection of her good nature. She has deference of her good nature. She has deference of her good nature. She has deference of her good nature. ment the Canadian Pacific Railway Company indicated its desire to maintain a passible Musco-cided to adopt the two orphan boys who pany indicated its desire to maintain a vitish encroachments. Sakhalien has in pany indicated its desire to maintain a vitish encroachments. Sakhalien has in the lucky numbers from the lottery "dissolution" and "general election" were a bad man to become good. To cure numerous suitors.

against the construction of the V., V. & and Kootenay-all without the impo- Some of the more enterprising British against the construction of the V., V. & sition of a cent of additional taxation insurance companies are carefully watching the exploitation of a scheme of inanother and continues its obstruction. A npon the grievously burdened population surance in America by means of which dispatch from Ottawa to the Times says and ruthlessly plundered population (by employers of labor can indemnify themthe time of the railway commission was vesterday taken up for an hour with the successive provincial governments) of The National Association of Manufacthis section of the Dominion.

It was understood from the day the pointed a special committee to consider sequence of the triumph of right and general in London. 1s it proposed to general in London. 1s it proposed to superannuate Mr. Turner as an unprofit-superannuate Mr. Turner

Madame Rolfe, the winner of the being 23 days. The actual loss ratio by who regard matrimony and madness as through when one considers that the their actions.

monopoly, or a virtual monopoly, in the sessors. From every point of view Japan municipal orphanages, leaving the sub
government side. Fear lest the continu
a bag man to become good. To cure a sthey are destitute children housed in in the air, was very noticeably on the habit then demands a complete change of the nervous system, and the method pretransportation business of Southern Brihas gained that which she sought, and tish Columbia by what some plaingovernment side. Fear lest the continu- the nervous system, and the method preright of leisured choice from among her liance, should be broken if the Liberal are recommended no gradual breaking party were once more in power, was ex- away from the old habit, but a sudden London is said to be threatened with ercising the colonial mind. The colonies wrenching of oneself from it, putting in there are not waiting impatiently up there for means of transportation of their products to market. When the railway comes it will bring its quota of pioneers with it. The idea of the opening up of the patriotic grounds. Its representatives with it. The idea of the opening up of the powers of the subject of railway on the profession are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians especially are eliciting some very conflicting opinions. West. Canadians es believes that it will have a beneficial since the Dominion government disallowed the morals of the nation. This lowed the bill for the purpose of prohibitis not the general view, however, for ing Japanese immigration in British Col- any great amount of crime. It is better RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

many critics think a trust would lower the rates for new plays, severely cut down prices for those in the cast, and, the local legislature of the Pacific provest and the power of altering one's habits should be cultion the part of a Grit government, and herefore, indirectly injure the public. And Mr. G. R. Sims, who is always out a still greater and more vital interest in ago would be disastrous nowadays. with the acquiescence of the Liberal spoken, does not hesitate to express an the continuance of the alliance. It is Every man should remember Herbert "solid seven," to ignore the protestations adverse opinion on the subject and to add therefore maintained by colonials here, Spencer's observation, that the best of the Tories and provide for the conof the Tories and the tories and the tories and the torie struction of a transcontinental railway struction of British through the northern portion of British thuman and divine." But while making power, Great Britain herself as well as this fact more and more every day, and

> ated by the further provision for the of such combinations wherever you look Londoners have many things to thank ent moment, is naturally in the direction of another railway line un- in the West End. New theatres have the L. C. C. for, and it would be ungalder the auspices of another powerful corbeen built by syndicates, many of them lant to hint that there could be anything being managed by the same set of people, but gratitude for their recent decision in the coming weeks are to b the province, giving the long-hoped-for and of some of the great industrial cenfavor of the marriage of assistant medi- the entertainment of the French fleet no assistant medical officer of an asylum | gallant French neighbors, will be the was allowed the luxury of a wife. enterprising officer, however, applied for gowned is the ambition of British wopermission to marry, and opened up the mankind at the present moment. But it question. There was a big discussion. seems that simplicity is to be the keynote But the result was triumph for the medical officers. When it came to be reason- | Serge, blue, black and cream carries the ed out there was a difficulty in bringing day, and sailor hats compete successfully forth any argument by which the gentle- with soft, small-peaked yachting caps. men of L. C. C. could convince them- Nothing in the way of silk, velvet, crepe selves that because a doctor has to deal de chine, tulle, chiffon is to be seen. with lunatics he must not marry. There | Everything is the plainest and severest was first mentioned that it was to be a cerns of all kinds employing labor were road primarily for the convenience of passed under review, and the number of the minds of those who first made the suited to our English beauty. For shore

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## The All-Red Line of Empire

BY W. H. FITCHETT, LL.D., IN LO NDON MAIL.

an all-Canadian line extending from the their changes of fortune, their rise and and sober tints of the planet. Did any reasonable man, with an actaken the place of the Mediterranean. curate knowledge of the conditions or It links the Old World and the New to-

The New Era. Latin races, and the Papama canal i

In his recent rescript the Czar dehaps, for him merely a phrase—a rheped up in the Pacific.

f communication betwixt Great Britain and Australia via Canada, which is supposed to touch foreign soil, or stir for
bite," filled with crystal sea, in the dream. Great Powers are taking shape Union Steam Navigation Company form the Australasian contribution to this to the summit: line, and they traverse the many-isled Pacific from Sydney to Vancouver. steam across what Tennyson calls "the glows and glories of the broad belt of the world"—the "belt of equatorial seas" ferns and precipices. betwixt the S.E. and N.E. betwixt the S.E. and N.E. trades—is an experience which might well delight an artist and dazale the senses of anybody

try it must consent to the operation of Great seas, like great States, have accustomed to the more prosaic realms, historian as it is to the trader or poet. Sea-Tints. The sea has many tints. In colder first into these latitudes, and they disferring equal benefits upon all sections. the Mediterranean, as its very name latitudes its color note is a changeless covered everything, they claimed every-The proposal was not accepted with tells, was the centre of the earth's trade and desolate grey; in warmer seas, unthing; they possess nothing. All that is alacrity or grace, but the Grand Trunk
Pacific Company was formed, and the but a tiny belt round its shores. Colum-Pacific Company was formed, and the out a tiny belt round its shores. Colum-white—the white of wind-blown spray. chart. Yet Pizarro once took possession Trunk Pacific Railway will in bus, however, shifted both the political The horizon wears a curious air of life.

due time be completed according to con- and the commercial centre of the globe, But the sea of the actual equator is like the Pope and of the King of Castile and and for the last two centuries at least no other stretch of water on the planet. Leon. They were Spanish eyes, too, The note is blue, but it is a blue of many | that from "a peak in Darien" first look moods-now rich as a turquoise; now moods—now rich as a turquoise; now deep as a sapphire; now lazy and soft clouded as an amethyst But slavers of bold a good second place in the history clouded as an amethyst. But always a of the Pacific. The seventeenth century blue such as the planet shows nowhere, was the zenith of Dutch sea-power; the blue such as the planet shows nowhere was the zenith of Dutch sea-power; the else. And as the great floor of rich Low Countries, according to Sir Walter color runs on every side to the clear curve of the sea-line its look is curiously massive, not to say solid; a look as of rough-cast and frosted metal, rising and sinking in slow waves of richest color. "a thousand ships annually, notwith And the sky of the equator is as rich standing that they had not a tree in the as its waters, from the swift dawn of whole country!" It was a Dutchman, the tropical day to the slow coming of Abel Tasman, who discovered both Fiji the tropical night. Such mighty fleets of clouds sail in the depths of the meridian skies! Sometimes they build themselves up, with cliff-like effect, along the edge of the horizon, and the setting sun pourse through their acrisis exercises.

Abel Tasman, who discovered both Fiji and Tonga, and left his name on Tasmania. The French contributed little but a great sea tragedy in two acts to the story of the Pacific—the tragedy of La Perouse in 1786 and of D'Entrepours through their aerial canons rivers | casteaux, who went in search of La of crimson and scarlet. Or on a clear Perouse. night the blue-black skies are crowded | Cook is the supremely heroic figure in with stars, and these are reflected in the the tale of sea discovery in the Pacific, depths of the sea, until the ship seems to and his three great volumes—the Enswim betwixt two star-crowned firmadeavor in 1768, the Resolution and Adments, one beneath her keel and the other above her topmasts. The color covery in 1776, are unsurpassed for effects of the equator, whether by day skill and daring. Those seamen of the or night, can hardly be paralleled else- eighteenth century had no charts and lit-

price of peace, and that by the stubborn future of unparalleled prosperity the clared that he was waging war for "the Fiji has one hundred and fifty-six islands the forecastle, rough language on the great sea a curiosly peopled look. them. There was not seldom scurvy in policy of the Liberal party upon this mastery of the Pacific." That was, per- or islets; Tonga has over a hundred. poop, foul water in the butts, and indi-The United States, in that great prize, gestible food in the storeroom in torical flourish; the modern world cer- the Philippines, owns a nameless swarm ships. But they did more than add new tainly could not permit a prize so vast of nearly two thousand patches of sea- lands and seas to geography. They creto fall into the hands of any single Power. But the phrase at least showed a dim sense of what great isues are wrapped up in the Pacific.

too, for the imagination of the poet or daring which no perils of strange lands the artist, as well as for the energies of or unchartered waters or of fierce tribes These lines are written on the swinging deck of the Manuka, on whose white

the trader. On the sky-line hangs a
ing deck of the Manuka, on whose white awnings is beating the heat of the equa- a haze. As the ship nears it the "stain" torial skies. The Manuka is one of the shuttles of the "all red line," a thread a brush-like expanse of palms which seem to float on the water—an atoll, a imagine that the Pacific ought to be an "bite," filled with crystal sea, in the dream. Great Powers are taking shape fign waters, nowhere. The boats of the centre. Or it may be a mountain peak, in the Pacific. The United States has

> "With lawns and winding glades high up Japan sits grimly awake. And what like ways to Heaven.' with sunrise or sunset "broken into

scarlet shafts" among its palms and Ancient Voyages.

What a procession of nations has sailed chart. Yet Pizarro once took possession

covery in 1776-are unsurpassed for tle science. They had to feel their way The waters of the Pacific are sprinkled thick with islets, which are no doubt, a peril to navigation, but which give by the process of bobbing up against

such as Tennyson has painted, wooded thrust out one tentacle to Honolulu, another to the Philippines. other great forces are to awaken behind her who can guess? The one thing certain is that the Pacific will be the field of the greater politics of the world throughout the twentieth century, and in that Titanic game Great Britain al-But the Pacific is as interesting to the ready holds the principal cards.