

ARDED BY SPANIARDS. The bark held up by a War...
 thing to late advice from New...
 the Spanish did board one...
 vessel during the late war...
 k Nellie Brett, from the late...
 Auckland the other day. The...
 of the vessel was somewhat...
 ordinary run, but owing to hav...
 inter extremely bad weather...
 of war between the United...
 and Spain had to be taken...
 into account owing to the fact...
 that Brett was an American...
 and shows her nationality in every...
 before leaving New York for...
 the bark was under the...
 flag and her crew was shipped...
 British articles. Capt. E. B...
 was the only American on board...
 when he left New York was...
 the two nations was in full...
 he was naturally somewhat...
 matters would eventually...
 should be overhauled by...
 wh cruiser.

Old World Hates the New, and...
 Policy of the United States...
 of America.

W. T. Stead, Editor of the Review of Reviews,
 Writes From Rome—His Impressions
 of European Feeling.

London, Dec. 8.—Mr. William Stead,
 peace commissioner reached his chief
 consciousness, says: "The answer to the
 question of the New World, has never
 been made with greater emphasis than
 in the Eternal City. The oldest Old
 World regarded with a mixture of
 indignation, disgust and alarm, and
 almost too great for words. The sentiment
 of indignation differs in intensity,
 but it is universal, and is equally
 for the United States, either
 among whites or blacks. In fact, dislike
 for the American seizure of the
 distance and a certain amount of
 humanitarian enthusiasm which
 was possible, was not there."
 Mere Mask of Cant,
 assumed in order to facilitate conquest,
 are almost the only sentiments shared
 in common by the United States and
 the Quirinal and the Vatican, with the
 King's men—the sentiment is comparatively
 mild, but it is not shared by the
 audacity with which the representative
 of America played his cards in leading
 the trump-act of the Anglo-American
 entente, which henceforth will play a
 leading part in all the dealings of the
 English-speaking people with their
 and suspicious neighbors.
 "The actual facts as they actually hap-
 pened. They were told me at first hand
 by the person most immediately con-
 cerned, and you can absolutely rely upon
 the accuracy of the above statement."
 "If the Old World regards American
 growth and expansion with unfeigned
 alarm, the British Empire, which is
 seated both in the Old World and the
 New, contemplates the new departure
 with unfeigned sympathy. The relations
 between the empires of Great Britain
 and America at Constantinople, and at
 Rome could hardly be closer and more
 cordial if there had been a hard-and-
 fast, cut-and-dried, signed-and-delivered
 treaty of alliance, offensive and
 defensive, between the two powers.
 Every English-speaking man will feel,
 as I have felt, throughout this war,
 that he was not an ambassador in
 London, in every capital in Europe; that
 behind him, wherever he goes, he is
 shielded by the might, not of one, but
 of two great world powers, and that
 whose shadow the world may yet
 learn to respect in peace."

Three Mammoth Brick Blocks Gated Last
 Night After a Fierce Fight with the
 Fire Brigade.

The Rogers, Peel & Company, Home Life In-
 surance Company and Postal Telegraph
 Company the Sufferers.

New York, Dec. 5.—A fire started in
 the basement of the building occupied by
 Rogers, Peel & Co., about 9:20 o'clock
 last night. Two policemen standing with-
 in half a block of Warren street heard
 the sound of a loud explosion, and a mo-
 ment later a thin line of smoke was
 rising up alongside the side of the build-
 ing. At that time rain was falling in tor-
 rents and the wind blew a gale. An
 alarm was sent in at once, but before
 the first engine turned into Broadway
 the Rogers, Peel & Co.'s basement was
 bursting through the floors above and
 rushing fiercely to the roof.
 Within ten minutes after a general
 alarm was sent in, the engine after
 engine to the scene. By 10 o'clock there
 was nothing but the shell of the Rogers-
 Peel building left standing. A great
 flame arising a hundred feet in the air
 and enrobing the adjacent structure,
 the Home Life Insurance Co.'s building,
 checked at the very outset by the calm
 Warren street and caught the U. S. Life
 Insurance Co.'s building, at the north-
 west corner of Broadway. The wood-
 ented structure of the Rogers, Peel & Co.
 moment. Several streams were playing
 on this building to save it from destruc-
 tion.
 When the Warren street wall of the
 Rogers-Peel building fell at 10:30
 o'clock, a dozen firemen were directly
 beneath the wall. Several men were
 struck by bricks, but none were seri-
 ously injured. Acting Chief Bell,
 but was dragged to safety by some
 of his men.
 Just before 10 o'clock the Home Life
 Insurance Co.'s 10-story building caught
 fire. The firemen already had their lines
 on this building, and the fire was
 extinguished in a few minutes. The
 flames had been through the side-
 wall in many places, and the large white
 structure burned fiercely. The elevators
 were checked at the very outset by the
 winning the engines were compelled to
 for their lives, and in this way many of
 the effects of the offices were saved.
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The galleries were filled early, many
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 scene presented was unusually brilliant.
 The desks of the members were loaded
 with magnificent specimens of the flor-
 ish of the day, and the members of the
 senate, and only following came the
 coterie of the British ambassador,
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