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SHORE END OF CABLE IS SUCCESSFULLY LAID

THE great Trans-Pacific Cable planned by the late John W. Mackay will soon be an accomplished fact. The shore end was successfully landed yesterday, after a narrow escape from disaster, and the Silvertown is now on her way to Honolulu. A message was received from the cable ship at 8:55 o'clock last night saying that a good start had been made and that all was well on board.



SHIPS QUICKLY REDUCE PUERTO CABELLO FORTS

Venezuelan Shore Batteries Return the Fire of the Allies' Bombarding Cruisers.

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LA GUAIRA, Venezuela, Dec. 14.—War has actually begun in Venezuela, and Venezuelan blood has been shed by the guns of the warships of Germany and Great Britain. For three-quarters of an hour last evening the German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Charybdis united in bombarding Fort Solano and Castle Libertador, the chief harbor defenses of Puerto Cabello.

After reducing the forts to ruins, dismantling the shore batteries, wounding two Venezuelan soldiers and making prisoner of the commanding officer, the allies took possession of the castle, and then, leaving the dismantled fortifications, the warships put back to La Guaira. The Venezuelan garrison made only a feeble resistance to the superior power of the cruisers' big guns, its old-fashioned guns being soon silenced.

This summary action taken by the commanders of the British and German warships had its provocation in the seizure and pillaging last Wednesday of a British tramp steamer lying in the harbor of Puerto Cabello by a Venezuelan rabble, which subjected her captain and crew to arrest and other indignities.

The steamship Topaze, which sailed from Cardiff, Wales, with a cargo of coal on November 4, under command of Cap-

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NOTABLE INCIDENTS DURING LANDING AND CHRISTENING OF PACIFIC CABLE.

First Step in Union of Hemispheres Is Taken.

THE final belting of the world has begun and the long-cherished dream of the late John W. Mackay will soon be realized. Then distance will be measured only by seconds instead of miles and the scattered nations of earth drawn together in neighborly intercourse by the endless thread of talking metal that robs even

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MACKAY CABLES THE PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—HON. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, Washington, D. C.: I have the honor to inform you that the end of the Honolulu cable was successfully brought on shore this morning, Governor Gage being present.

C. H. MACKAY,
President of the Pacific Commercial Cable Company.

Governor's Daughter Christens the Great Wire.

"TO the memory of Mr. John W. Mackay, I christen the Pacific Cable. Good luck to thee. May you always carry messages of happiness."

Thus spoke pretty little Lucille Gage yesterday morning as she christened the trans-Pacific cable after the shore end had been successfully landed. The spectacle, from the moment the sinuous line

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MOB FURY SENDS HIM TO DEATH

Benicia Citizen Killed During a Tumult on Streets.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BENICIA, Dec. 14.—Jacob Jensen, an employe of the Benicia Agricultural Works and a resident for twenty-five years in this town, was shot and killed this afternoon during a disturbance caused by a large number of Greeks employed in the Kullman, Salz & Co. tannery.

Many shots were fired in a riotous demonstration on the streets, and the relations between the Greeks and the union men involved in a strike, from which the trouble originated, have become more seriously strained. The people of Benicia vigorously denounce the conduct of those who participated in the disturbance, and indignation is increasing with every hour. The trouble is by no means over. At about 11 o'clock to-night three shots were fired in the part of town where the Greeks live. It is not yet known if any person was killed or wounded.

ATTACK BY GREEKS.

The trouble had been looked for for some time. Recently 125 Greeks were imported here to take the places of the union men on strike. Some of these Greeks congregated in a saloon near the Southern Pacific depot this afternoon. A large crowd of citizens, men, women and children, had gathered at the depot awaiting the arrival of the train at 3 o'clock. On leaving the depot a number of boys noticed three of the Greeks standing near

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