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THE GERMAN BLUFF. The statement of the Cologne Gazette that Germany will demand of the United States the arrest and punishment of Klein, indicates the possibility that Bismarck is ready to resume the game of bluff on the Samoan dispute.

RECKLESS ANCHORS. How completely the London Times' case against Parnell and the other Irish leaders has collapsed may be inferred from the utterances of the young man, Houston, who engineered the now famous publications. Houston admits that his sole reliance was upon Pigott, a writer who had at one time been on the side of the Nationalists, and who turned against them through personal spleen and disappointment.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK. In place of waiting time trying to find out why one city is better than another, the public will be right glad if those who are called to Councils devote the time they have for politics between now and the first meeting to thinking how they can best serve the city.

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY. Occasions are not few nor are they unimportant when the public mind is called upon to consider the workings of the several departments which are vested with executive authority—these are a few of the particulars on which Councils can make themselves intelligently useful during 1889.

IT OUGHT TO HURT. The defalcation of the Indiana agent of the Commercial Mutual Life Insurance Company occupies a prominent position in the report of that company. It is argued with a good deal of prominence that the loss of nearly half a million does not injure the company more than a loss of \$100,000 would a bank with a million of resources and a surplus of \$100,000. The assurance that the loss "will not affect the dividend" will doubtless be comforting to the policyholders; but that is not the view that is most likely to prevent the recurrence of such peculations.

FRANCE WANTS CASH. After all there is an ingenious frankness about the Frenchman, even in his most pessimistic moments. It is very obvious that here is half the French nation burning to overturn the present system of government, and the only reason advanced by them for delaying the revolution is that it would certainly keep away a great many visitors from the Universal Exposition at Paris during the coming summer.

ANNEXATION TALK. The talk about annexation has not been so fashionable as it is at present with many journals and politicians of this country, since the days when Cuba was wanted for the extension of slavery and Walker's filibusters were invading Central America. The annexation of Canada has been a widely discussed topic; a resolution has been introduced in the House of Representatives for buying the peninsula of Southern California; the old dream of acquiring Cuba has reappeared in its most glowing colors; and the debate on the Nicaragua canal brought out more than one expression of the hope that the Central American republic would eventually become a part of the United States.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Captain Keels Robinson, one of the oldest residents of Allegheny, died yesterday at his home, No. 1010 North Park street, at the age of 80 years.

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THE OHIO SLACKWATER. The report of the board of engineers on the subject of slackwater in Ohio makes a very strong argument in favor of the construction of the four dams necessary to provide permanent navigation from here to Beaver. We fully support the general tenor of the report; but it seems necessary to point out that one argument which it makes will hardly be sustained by practice.

THE WHITNEY BOOM FOR PRESIDENT IN 1892. He has been taken up by the esteemed and brilliant New York Sun. The men is favorable for the permanent retirement of the Secretary of the Navy to private life.

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