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Estate of JOHN SAVAGE, deceased.
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de16-wfm-5t LEON ABBETT, Auditor.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.
In the matter of the Estate of THOMAS BRADFORD, deceased, Printer, sur Second Account of Thomas B. Darrach, William Bradford, Jr., and James H. Bradford, Trustees.
The Auditor appointed to audit, settle, and adjust the Second Account of Thomas B Darrach, William Bradford, Jr, and James H. Bradford, Trustees, and to report distribution of the balance remaining in their hands, will meet the parties interested at his office, No. 404 PRUNE Street, above Fourth street, in the city of Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the Twenty-ninth of December, 1857, at 4½ o'clock P. M.
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MANIFEST DESTINY AND THE FOUR GREAT EMPIRES.

Second thought sobers English political writers. They look backwards, ashamed of their escapades during the war-like fever of the Crimean campaign. They now heartily disown all the absurdities which were so unanimously poured out by all the various organs of the press, by politicians, by public opinion, and by blundering statesmen who stimulated it. Such an example is to be found in the October issue of the *Westminster Review*. All the fuss of that epoch about the defence of liberty, about high statesmanship in propping up Turkey, &c., is now covered with hearty ridicule. Sir HAMILTON SEYMOUR, the savior of the "sick man," the discoverer of the monstrous Ahab coveting the vineyard of another Naboth, is put up as a wretched blunderer. The Turks are no more considered as bearers of European civilization, nor the Circassians—those traffickers of their children to Turkish lust—as champions of liberty. Instead of all this trash, the writer of the *Review* submits considerations of a now more elevated, humane policy, more civilizing and world-embracing than has hitherto been mooted by any statesman, historian, or political writer, of whatever school or nation of Europe.

After establishing that nothing was gained by the war for liberty, or for European nationalities, and showing that Russia is again *the leading power of Europe*, for the natural reason that restrictions imposed by treaties—as experience of centuries shows—are powerless, on the long run, against the normal life and expansion of powerful nations, the *Review* embraces the whole globe. The control of the future fortunes of mankind, ultimate empire over them, lies between France, Russia, the United States, and England. In this view, the Asiatic question, containing the Turkish question, is wide as the world. From Pekin to Constantinople all is absolute social desolation. Oriental Governments, Oriental society, Oriental religions are giving way from internal weakness and pressure from without, and have no shadow of a principle of internal organic life.

In a few more years the ruin will be complete. Not so long ago the Russian Empire in Asia was the hunting-ground of Nomad tribes, of hereditary robbers. Now the greatest part of it is drilled into quiet and industry, roads cross it, cities rise, property and life are secure over it. What England does or did in India, Russia accomplishes more thoroughly from the Pole to the Tigris. Annexation is no crime when it is the substitution of a just and vigorous Government for a wicked and worthless one. It is for the most part true, that wherever England, France, Russia, and the United States, have set their foot, they have taken with them something better than they have supplanted, and the further they can go in the same course the better for mankind.

The French occupation in Algeria is, in itself, a good thing. Quiet people can till the ground there, without fear of marauding Arabs. Honest merchants can trade without fear for the pirate's flag. England has no business to prevent the French to spread all over the African shores of the Mediterranean, to curb the pretended aggressions of the Muscovite in the East, or to check the growth of the United States and their organizing protectorate over Mexico and Central America. If Asia Minor, or Mexico and Central America, were governed as Georgia is, or as the French govern Algeria, the cities with which once Asia Minor was covered might rise again from their ruins, and become once more the graudeur of the world. California, as a Mexican province, was the hunting ground of Indians; now it is the cynosure of the world. Americans alone can put an end to the chaos prevailing all over New Spain. With Americans in possession of it, property would rise, industry flourish, and laws have a meaning.

The work which events inaugurated will be pursued. The Asiatic independence which survives will narrow down, grow feebler, and at last die. The genius of France will follow the shores of the Mediterranean; the line of kingdoms in Asia, dividing the empires of England and Russia, will grow thinner, till their frontiers touch. In spite of Clayton-Bulwer treaties, and Dallas-Clarendon interpretation of them, the United States will stretch their power over farther South. The falling Republics of Central America will not for ever be a temptation, by their weakness, to the attacks of lawless ruffians. Revolution will cease to tear the empire of Montezuma. The valley of the mighty Amazon must fall at least to those who will force it to yield its treasure. The ships which carry the commerce of America into the Pacific also carry American justice, with American cannon as the preachers of it.

The real interests of the four controlling powers named above are identical. All of them organize for improvement, wherever they extend. All of them desire that the Chinese shall enter the society of nations.

The half-civilized nations of Asia, and of New Spain, are encouraged by the rivalries of the great four Powers. If a pressure be laid on them by one of the great Powers, they understand that they may look with confidence to the support of the others. Let them be informed that henceforward they shall encourage no such hope. The four Powers ought to unite in a common engagement for a generous purpose, embracing the destinies of the whole race. Let them—as far as Europe is concerned—abstain from vexatious and impertinent interference with one another in minor matters.

Any future aggrandizement of one of the four Powers will not be opposed, but made with the consent of all others. No war is to be declared, no province annexed, without a conference and consultation. Constantinople, European Turkey, will fall by themselves to Russia. France may rule in Egypt and Syria; and if the English should be obliged to seize and keep the province of Canton, the Americans Cuba and the Isthmus of Darien, these are natural exigencies and must be satisfied without jealousy—without opposition. The four Powers might agree that these and other changes, when really reasonable, shall be permitted and encouraged, so that they might be effected in a reasonable manner, all fair objections being fairly canvassed, considered, and answered.

A fabric of policy, as well as of stone and plaster, stands more firmly on four pillars than on two or three. Those four pillars on which to raise a new-world policy are the United States, France, England, Russia. Such an alliance would explicitly concern only their trans-European interests, not referring to international European questions—the participation of the United States therein giving the fullest guarantee to other European States unconcerned in trans-European questions, that their liberties and independence in no way should be thereby endangered. Such is a *resumé* of the article in the *Westminster Review*.

For the first time we thus find our great national doctrine of manifest destiny broadly recognised and asserted in one of the most eminent English publications. And we conclude this *resumé*, using again the words of the *Review*, that the statesmen whose names might become connected with such a diplomatic revolution will take their place among the immortal benefactors of mankind. Might not the Americans take the initiative?

The burning of the steamer Col. Edwards, near Alexandria, La., on the 12th inst., has been noticed. She had on board 80 passengers and 100 bales of cotton. About 20 lives were lost, and among the victims were J. J. Varner, of Georgia; U A. Brooks, of San Antonio, Texas; B Turner, of Prussia, and a Baptist preacher, name unknown. T. R. Garrett, of Hopkins county, Ky., lost nearly sixty head of cattle, and cash, in all about $2,000. There were near $5,000 in the safe—property of merchants and passengers. D. L. Wilder lost near $2,000.

Result of the Action of the Naval Courts of Inquiry.

[From the New York Herald of Tuesday.]

We have already published the result of the action of the three Naval Courts appointed to inquire into the decisions made by the Naval Retiring Board in the cases of the captains, commanders, lieutenants, and other officers of the United States Navy, who were either retired on leave, on furlough, or who were "dropped" altogether from the service. The act under which the Board was constituted became a law on the 28th of February, 1855, having on that date received the approval of the President, and on the 20th of June, the new naval inquisition, consisting of the following officers, went into session:

CAPTAINS.

Wm. B. Shubrick,	C. K. Stribling,
Matthew C. Perry,	Abraham Bigelow,
	Charles McCauley.

COMMANDERS.

G. J. Pendergast,	Samuel Barron,
Franklin Buchanan,	Andrew H. Foote,
	Samuel J. Du Pont.

LIEUTENANTS.

John S. Missroon,	Wm. L. Maury,
Ricard L. Page,	Jas. S. Biddle,
	Sylvanus W. Godon.

The Board remained in session from the 20th of June, 1855, till the 26th of July of the same year, and in that time decided upon the cases of no less than two hundred and seventeen officers. A nice calculation of the work performed during this session shows that the Board gave an average of twelve minutes and forty seconds to the case of each officer, furnishing one of the most remarkable cases of judicial expedition perhaps on record.

The summary action of this Naval Court—unencumbered as it was by the regular forms of trial, the summoning of witnesses or the rebutting evidence of the parties tried, none of whom were allowed to appear or had any notice that they were on secret trial—aroused a strong feeling of indignation throughout the country. The officers who had been removed from the active list presented memorials and petitions to Congress protesting against the action of the Board, and demanding the appointment of a court of inquiry to adjudicate upon their several cases. At the head of the list of complainants stood Commodore Stewart, or, as he is