

CLOCKWORK GOLEM TO PREMIERE

Aboard tomorrow's maiden voyage of Her Majesty's Navy's new dirigible *Victorious*, Dr. Hieronymus Thorne, A.M.D., of Tolbury will debut a new golem that derives its abilities from a clockwork analytical engine instead of a scroll.

In an exclusive interview with *The Times*, Dr. Thorne explained that a traditional golem gets its instructions from a small scroll in its mouth, giving it very limited capabilities. However, by placing an analytical engine in the golem's head instead of a scroll, and loading decks of punched-cards into the engine, he has created a golem with a wider range of capabilities. Dr. Thorne tells us that he was inspired by the idea while watching an automated loom, and that the punched-cards used by his golem are of similar design to those used by the loom. He adds, however, with a broad smile, that he expects his golem to achieve a much wider range of useful activities than the loom.

CAPE ROSE BANDIT CAUGHT

The infamous bandit William "Wild Bill" Cadderson was captured by the Cape Rose Rangers on November 6. The criminal, responsible for a half dozen train robberies in Cape Rose, was detained by Capt. Edith Mdlangathi after a sustained gunfight.

DIRIGIBLE H.M.S. VICTORIOUS PREPARES FOR JOURNEY

Allondine technology reaches new heights tomorrow with the maiden voyage of Her Majesty's finest dirigible, the H.M.S. *Victorious*.

Although it will in future be used for military reconnaissance, on its historic first flight the dirigible will carry passengers from the Royal Aerodrome to Gioma, on the island of Napermo in the kingdom of Inarra—arriving in less than one day's time, far faster than any ship or locomotive. Most passengers will disembark at Gioma, and the dirigible will then proceed to carry selected dignitaries to New Renham, New Allondell—crossing the ocean in less than one week's time. The passenger list includes both persons of high rank, invited to be Her Majesty's guests on this historic occasion, and persons of all persuasions who entered a general lottery and received a seat on the dirigible's first voyage as their prize.

The dirigible, built for the Royal Navy by Inglewood Manufacturing, uses bags filled with hydrogen to achieve a weight lighter than air. A combination of steam engines (manufactured by Grimshaw Industrial Fabrication) and enchanted ventigens provides the craft with forward motion and allows it to steer.

The Times congratulates Inglewood Manufacturing on its momentous achievement.

CADFAIGH DEFIANT ON ST. LORELEI BANKS

Cadfaigh refused to acknowledge Allondell's claims to fishing rights in the St. Lorelei Banks, continuing to press claims that the western end of the banks belong to Cadfaigh. Situated between New Allondell and New Ragnorack, the banks provide most of the cod and haddock for Cape Harold.

Augustus Rochester, the Conservative MP for Leddleton-on-Thyne, decried the Cadfainn intransigence during debate on the Parliament floor, demanding that the Prime Minister take stronger action.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF SHENGA STRAITS

Yesterday marked the tenth anniversary of the Battle of Shenga Straits, and a commemorative ceremony was held in Tolbury to honour the occasion. A keynote address was given by Baron Nelson Harrington, who received the Parliamentary Medal of Valour for his role in the battle. After a cowardly Zdunarovan sneak attack started the battle, destroying many ships of the Allondine fleet in the process, Captain Harrington took command of what ships remained, and with a combination of boldness and innovative tactics won the day for Allondell—soundly defeating the Zdunarovan Empire, which has since never dared interfere with our colonial possessions.

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