

## LOUIS WINDMULLER RETURNS.

### His Visit to the Exposition and Comments on the Paris Edition of The New York Times—His Loss.

Louis Windmüller returned from an extended tour of Europe on the steamship *Augusta Victoria*, which reached this port Saturday. During the course of his travels he spent considerable time at the Paris Exposition.

"While I was abroad I visited more than 100 cities and towns on the Continent of Europe," said Mr. Windmüller yesterday, "and at almost every railroad station was able to buy a copy of the Paris edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

"Americans traveling abroad find it a source of great surprise and satisfaction to be able to get a newspaper there which, through its cable dispatches, keeps them well informed on matters that are transpiring at home. They were never able to do this before the publication of the Paris edition of THE TIMES.

"I was present when the plant of the Paris edition of THE TIMES was started on the exposition grounds, and I consider the exhibit one of the finest, from an educational standpoint, in the whole exposition."

Mr. Windmüller met with a severe loss, however, at the very termination of his trip when his diary for 1900 in which he had recorded his impressions of his travels disappeared in some way for which he cannot account. He remembers distinctly having the book when he descended the gangplank from the steamship to the pier, but he missed it immediately after he had concluded his business with the Custom House officials. It is all the harder for him to bear from the fact that he has kept diaries faithfully for the last thirty years and all the others of the set containing many other records of foreign travel are carefully preserved. The book cannot be of the slightest value to any other person, and Mr. Windmüller is ready to pay a considerable reward for its return.

### ON AMERICAN EXHIBITS.

#### Secretary Sanders Praises Ambassador Porter and Secretary Wilson.

Alvin H. Sanders of Chicago, one of the National Commissioners to the Paris Exposition, and Secretary of that body, was among the passengers landed by the *Cymric* yesterday. Seen at the Waldorf-Astoria last night he said that this had been a great year for Americans in the French capital. He credits the American Ambassador, Gen. Horace Porter, with having contributed more than any other one man toward crystalizing a public sentiment in France this year favorable to this country.

Mr. Sanders states that American exhibitors are winning a large share of the gold medals and grand prizes of honor at the exposition, and in his judgment will reap a satisfactory reward for their participation. Mr. Sanders added:

"I think the country is to be congratulated upon the splendid work done by Secretary Wilson in forwarding and maintaining such a thoroughly satisfactory agricultural exhibit. He has succeeded in interesting European consumers of grains, provisions, and dairy goods in a way that will prove directly profitable to our great producing interests. Our labor-saving machinery continues to astonish the Old World, and thousands of mechanics and their employers are studying the fine display in our Annex at Vincennes."

### FOUR MEN WERE IN PERIL.

#### Thrown into the Water While Rowing—Sailboat Men Refused Aid.

During the storm of Sunday afternoon P. J. Bach and his brother, both of this city, as well as another party of four men, had a narrow escape from drowning.

The men were in separate rowboats owned in Flushing, L. I., when the storm broke, and the craft capsized, throwing all the men into the water. Two men in sailboats who passed by and whom they asked for help refused, although they were offered a considerable sum of money.

After struggling in the water for twenty minutes, hanging on to the boats and to some piles that were near by, they were finally rescued by two men. Mr. Bach said last night that in the excitement he forgot to ascertain the names of his rescuers. He is very grateful to them.

### ESCAPES FROM CASTLE WILLIAMS.

#### Police Asked to Look for a Member of the Eleventh Infantry.

Major Allen L. Myer of the Eleventh Infantry, stationed on Governors Island, has asked the police to look for Henry Lantry, a member of that regiment, and who has deserted. Lantry, the Major says, in a letter sent to Police Headquarters, was a prisoner in Castle Williams, and escaped from that place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Major Myer told the police that he had information that Lantry had gone to a Baxter Street clothing store and exchanged his uniform for a civilian's dress. He believes that Lantry will try to ship as a coal passer.