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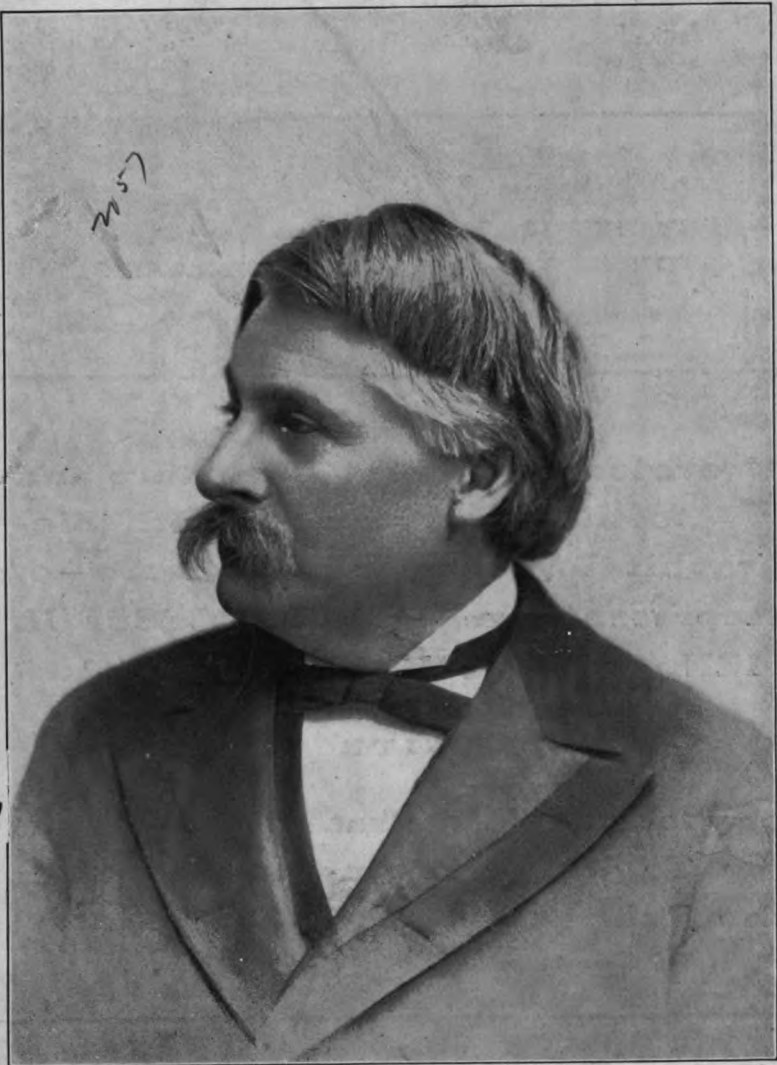
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THOMAS JOHN LONG.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTIC, GULF & PACIFIC COMPANY, OF NEW YORK CITY.

AMONG the families of the United States descended from English-Scotch and Irish ancestors of prominence in their native lands none has acquired a more distinct personality than that of the Longs, who have maintained a notable position from the earliest times down to the present day.

The subject of this sketch is a son of Jacob A. and Isabel (McBride) Long, and was born in New York City, on January 20, 1852. His early education was acquired in the public schools of the metropolis, from which he entered the New York University, and he afterwards entered the Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, from which he was graduated in 1873 with the degree of C.E. After leaving that institution he joined the staff of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company for a year or more; and returning to New York City in 1874, he accepted the position of Assistant to the Chief Engineer of the New York Dock Department, and was placed in charge of new construction, in which branch of his profession he was employed for a period of eleven years.

In 1885 Mr. Long was offered the position of Contracting Agent for the Morse Bridge Company at Youngstown, Ohio. For two years he devoted his attention to that employment, and then returned to New York and commenced business for himself as Consulting Engineer; but the Union Bridge Company desired his services as General Agent, and from 1888 to 1896 he served that corporation faithfully and well, representing the Company in the construction of the Cairo Bridge, the St. Louis Merchants' Bridge, the bridge over the Missouri River at Fort Leavenworth, the great Memphis Bridge, and others.

In 1896 Mr. Long became interested in one of the contracts for the improvement of the Erie Canal, under the Act of the Legislature appropriating \$9,000,000 therefor; and from 1897 to 1900 he was connected with and acted as Vice-President for the R. P. & J. H. Staats Company, Ltd., Dock Builders, of New York City.

Mr. Long is now Vice-President of the Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Company, of New York City, an institution which has widely become interna-

tional, for its contracts extended to all parts of the world as well as the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and including contracts for the improvement of the Harbor of Manila, P. I. The Company gives especial attention to river and harbor improvements, dredging, dock work, piers, and railway and highway bridges, and it is enabled to execute work of the most intricate character.

Mr. Long has spent considerable time in the Tropics, including two visits to Brazil—one of them to study harbor improvements at Rio Janeiro, and another to Manáos, on the Amazon, for the purpose of looking up matters connected with harbor and other improvements at that point. Later he made an extended trip on horseback through Ecuador, South America, in the interest of a railroad project.

Mr. Long is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of the American Geographical Society, the Engineers' Club, the Century Club, the University Club, the Ardsley Club and the Fencers' Club. He was married, in 1882, to Miss Ada Louise Badeau; but is now a widower.

Mr. Long, since early manhood, has displayed a sturdy independence of character, balanced by a reflective mind, that has been the keystone in the arch of his career. Indefatigable in application and tireless energy, he has steadily kept before him the great object of preserving the respect and winning the confidence of all with whom he has had dealings, realizing that thus only could he have a perfectly balanced and successful business life. His success has been in no sense a meteoric one, but is the result of carefully laid plans intelligently carried out.

LUNA PARK will be the center of attraction at Coney Island this summer. Its main feature is a sort of miniature world's fair, with midway plaisance side shows. At night, the island is brilliantly illuminated by thousands of electric lights, and presents a magnificent appearance. Visitors to the metropolis will find it worthy of their attention. This attraction originated with two brainy young men, who a year ago came from the West with the biggest show ever seen at Coney Island, "A Trip to the Moon."



THOMAS JOHN LONG,
Engineer and Contractor for River and Harbor Improvements.
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