

Steamers.	Leave Sydney.	Leave Auckland.	Leave Samoa.	Leave Honolulu.	Arrive San Francisco.
	1900. Tuesday. Dec. 4	1900. Saturday. Dec. 8	1900. Wednesday. Dec. 12	1900. Tuesday. Dec. 18	1900. Monday. Dec. 24
Sonoma	Dec. 4	Dec. 8	Dec. 12	Dec. 18	Dec. 24
Sierra	Dec. 25 1901.	Dec. 29 1901.	Jan. 2	Jan. 8	Jan. 14
Ventura	Jan. 15	Jan. 19	Jan. 23	Jan. 29	Feb. 4
Sonoma	Feb. 5	Feb. 9	Feb. 13	Feb. 19	Feb. 25
Sierra	Feb. 26	March 2	March 6	March 12	March 18
Ventura	March 19	March 23	March 27	April 2	April 8
Sonoma	April 9	April 13	April 17	April 23	April 29
Sierra	April 30	May 4	May 8	May 14	May 20
Ventura	May 21	May 25	May 29	June 4	June 10
Sonoma	June 11	June 15	June 19	June 25	July 1
Sierra	July 2	July 6	July 10	July 16	July 22
Ventura	July 23	July 27	July 31	Aug. 6	Aug. 12
Sonoma	Aug. 13	Aug. 17	Aug. 21	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Sierra	Sept. 3	Sept. 7	Sept. 11	Sept. 17	Sept. 23
Ventura	Sept. 24	Sept. 28	Oct. 2	Oct. 8	Oct. 14
Sonoma	Oct. 15	Oct. 19	Oct. 23	Oct. 29	Nov. 4
Sierra	Nov. 5	Nov. 9	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Nov. 25
Ventura	Nov. 26	Nov. 30	Dec. 4	Dec. 10	Dec. 16

Steamers leave Sydney at 4 p.m. Tuesday, every three weeks; arrive Auckland, 10 a.m. Saturday; arrive Samoa, 7 a.m. Wednesday; arrive Honolulu, 4 p.m. Tuesday; arrive San Francisco, 6 a.m. Monday.

Time in Ports.

Terminals—San Francisco ...	...	...	...	...	9 days.
Sydney ...	...	...	...	...	12 "

Distances.

Sydney to Auckland ...	...	...	...	...	1,280 miles.
Auckland to Samoa ...	...	...	...	...	1,560 "
Samoa to Honolulu ...	...	...	...	...	2,270 "
Honolulu to San Francisco ...	...	...	...	...	2,100 "

No. 36.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER and COLONIAL TREASURER, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 3rd May, 1900.

'Fr'isco service: This Government has not received further official information about the proposed American fast service. You have probably seen in the Press that Messrs. Spreckels have secured a ten-years contract from the United States. The Union Company, with whom Messrs. Spreckels are associated in carrying out present service, have received no confirmation of this. The United States Government, however, had called for tenders for a fast Pacific service by American boats manned by American crews. Messrs. Spreckels towards the end of last year informed Government that they proposed running a three-weekly service between San Francisco, Auckland, and Sydney by fast steamers of six thousand tons, then building in America, capable of performing the voyage between San Francisco and Auckland in from sixteen to seventeen days, providing a delivery of mails between the colony and London in from twenty-six to twenty-seven and half days, and that in addition to any subsidy from United States they expected £30,000 per annum from colonies. As any such service would shut out the Union Company or a British-owned or built vessel, our House of Representatives instructed Government that in negotiating for a fast service it should be provided "that at least one British-owned steamer shall be employed in the service." My object in now communicating with you is to ascertain whether a purely American service would be acceptable to your colony, if no other service is to be secured, and what proportion of the £30,000 asked by Messrs. Spreckels your colony would be prepared to find.

No. 37.

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 19th May, 1900.

HAVE received from Spreckels time-table of proposed new service of Oceanic Steamship Company, to commence first November, between San Francisco, Auckland, Sydney. Has any definite proposal reached you regarding this company?