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Synopsis: Arrangements to be made if ocean mail arrives after departure of train

Summary: Mails for the east would have a special train put on

CONVEYANCE OF OVERLAND MAILS.

Mr. Speight, at his interview today with Messrs. Suttor, Downer, Todd, and Derham, discussed the railway arrangements to be made for the conveyance of the English mails from Adelaide to Sydney. The question the Conference desired to discuss was whether arrangements could be made to dispatch special trains bearing mail matter from Adelaide to Victoria on occasions when steamers do not reach a South Australian port till after the departure of the 3 o'clock express from Adelaide. The point was discussed at length, and it was agreed that should a steamer arrive at Port Adelaide after the departure of the train at 3 o'clock and before 9 o'clock the same night a special mail train should be sent to Melbourne, the cost being borne equally by the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales. By this means the English mails will reach Melbourne in time to be delivered by the last afternoon delivery, instead of on the second morning after the arrival of the steamer at Adelaide. The furtherance of the mails to Sydney by specials from Melbourne is to await the trial of the present system.