

TWENTY WARSHIPS BOUGHT

United States Forestalls Spanish Agents Negotiating With the Brazilian Government.

The New Craft Bank With Finest Product of the Armstrong Yards.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—A week's negotiation closed to-day by the purchase by the navy department in London of the two fine cruisers built and building at Elswick by the Brazilian government.

According to the secretary of the navy, the United States flag will be hoisted over the new ships within a week probably, and just as soon as the crew can be put aboard the Amazon she will start for the United States.

The availability of the two Brazilian ships was first brought to the attention of the navy department by the agent of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, who was authorized to dispose of these ships building at Elswick, and two others in course of construction in France.

New York, March 14.—A despatch to the Herald from Tokio says: The Herald correspondent visited the Marquis Ito to-day (Sunday) and asked him whether the Japanese government would sell the cruisers Kasagi and Chitose to the United States.

The Herald correspondent learns on unquestionable authority that Japan is a party to the negotiations now going on between England and Russia at St. Petersburg, and also that while no alliance exists between England and Japan, they have a definite understanding and are acting in harmony.

The Herald correspondent learns that Japan has received an offer from England for all the warships building for her in English private yards, consisting of three 15,000 ton battleships and three first-class armored cruisers of about 10,000 tons each.

The Mail and Express has the following cablegram from London: "The acute crisis between the United States and Spain is the uppermost topic everywhere in London. No one seems seriously to believe war can be averted. The great newspapers are making elaborate preparations for correspondents. I am told by admiralty officials that two or three British war vessels with a complete school of naval officers on board will be sent to the vicinity of the Straits and American fleets so far as to be able to take every possible observation. The war between Japan and China was a revelation of the extraordinary powers of modern marine warfare and it is firmly believed in London that the American authorities possess some wonderful new discoveries in the way of engines of destruction. Leading newspapers on the continent are in the main sympathetic with the American. The destruction of the Maine, whether by accident or design, seems to have settled that. It is believed here in Spain goes to war she will be in a condition of utter desolation. The only country which would give her moral support would perhaps be Austria."

Rigby waterproof peajackets, pants and smox. Very heavy. B. Williams & Co.

BOWERY LODGING BURNED.

About Forty Persons Lose Their Lives in Destruction of a Mission Lodging House.

New York, March 13.—Just before 3 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the Bowery Mission, at 105 Bowery. The building, which is a five-story structure, contained about 175 lodgers, and while the majority of these escaped it is positively known that at least 40 men who had gone to sleep there for the night lost their lives in the conflagration.

An alarm was turned in by a pedestrian who saw the smoke coming from the third floor, when a lodger had thrown open a window to escape being suffocated and was hanging half way out to escape flames without a scratch. It is supposed that one of the lodgers accidentally set fire to some paper in the closet on the third floor and the flames were soon beyond control.

While the firemen and police were fighting with those in the hallways, a man made his appearance at the window and was compelled to let go. A cry of horror went up from the crowd below. The man, before letting go, threw a bundle of clothing and as he fell the crowd separated. For a moment he seemed stunned. Then he arose to his feet, felt himself all over and hobbled away, disappearing in the crowd.

The firemen worked inside the building until the heat and smoke forced them out one by one; the scaling ladders and the life nets were then resorted to. Water was poured into the building in torrents, but the flames seemed to increase in fury, and it looked as if the entire building would be a wreck. Many of the lodgers were carried down the ladders. These were almost in every instance rescued just as they were about to jump to the street from the windows on the upper floor.

At 8 o'clock, when the flames were under control, one of the firemen who had made the tour of the entire building emerged and shouted to Chief Bonner that he had seen at least 40 dead bodies. His report was that he had discovered two bodies on the first floor, five on the second, eight on the third, twelve on the fourth, and thirteen on the fifth floor.

A DEFAULTING ELK.

Treasurer of a Portland Lodge Wanted for Making Free With the Funds.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—(Special)—Ockerman, Portland's defaulting Elk, who has been arrested here four times and released three times, comes up on charges in connection with the case of Detective Connor of Portland, is waiting to take the prisoner back. Ockerman was treasurer of the Elks, and it is charged that he took the sick benefit money for his own use.

THE SENATE'S INTENTIONS.

Party Organs Differ as to the Prospects of the Yukon Railway Bill.

TORONTO, March 14.—(Special)—The Mail and Empire's Ottawa correspondent says the Senate will throw out the Yukon railway bill by 16, and the senators will not deal with it on party lines.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent on the contrary says the senate will probably pass it, and says Sir Frank Smith and Senators Forget and Drummond will probably point out how dangerous it would be to the business interests of Canada to reject the bill and make no provision for an Canadian route into the Yukon country.

FERRY'S SEEDS

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A SIMPLE CATARRH CURE

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(2.) By assignment from Clarence H. Mackay and H. Maitland Kirby, of the Province of British Columbia, of all the rights and privileges possessed by them under and by virtue of two certain contracts each bearing date the 25th day of August, 1897, and made by them with the firm of James Rees & Sons Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and W. A. Fletcher Company, of Jersey City, New Jersey. (3.) By assignment from H. Maitland Kirby of all his right title and interest in and to the wooden steamboat hulls now in course of construction at the Star Shipyard, Victoria, B.C., and the materials and plans obtained for the carrying out of such construction.

(4.) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds; to carry on the business of carriers of passengers and freight by land and water. (5.) To buy, sell, manufacture, and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(6.) To acquire, by purchase, lease, commission, exchange or otherwise, mines, mining rights, claims, or other rights, including rights, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals, and rendering them marketable metals, including all kinds of buildings, machinery, roads, wharves, tramways and plant useful or supposed to be useful in connection with the above objects, or reducing ores or minerals, or any concessions, grants, leases, claims, rights, or privileges whatsoever, which may seem to the Company capable of being taken to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of such concessions, grants, decess, claims, or privileges. (7.) To take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company; to distribute any of the property of the Company among the members of the same, but subject to distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, when necessary; to amalgamate with any other company or companies having for their object the acquisition and working of any property or other objects or purposes in any other country.

(8.) To promote, or reconstruct, or assist in the promotion or reconstruction of any other company or companies having for their object the acquisition and working of any property or other objects or purposes in any part of the world, and to assist any such company or companies by guaranteeing the whole or part of the capital thereof, or by contributing towards the payment of any brokerage, brokers' fees, commissions or remuneration for any such company or companies, or by procuring capital, either in cash, shares, debentures, or otherwise, or by negotiating, purchasing, or discounting bills of exchange, promissory notes, and all other negotiable instruments. (9.) To receive money on deposit at interest or otherwise, and to carry on any business, patent, or undertaking acquired by the Company, or in which it is interested, or calculated directly or indirectly to be a source of profit to the Company. (10.) To subscribe for, and take, acquire and hold, dispose of and deal, either as principal or agent, in shares, stocks, bonds, obligations, debentures, and any other securities in any other company. (11.) To advance money on security of stocks and shares, and upon any other security the directors may deem sufficient; or upon commission, all kinds of property, real and personal, movable or immovable. (12.) To mortgage or charge, either absolutely or conditionally, all or any part of the real or personal property or other assets of the Company, also to borrow any sum or sums of money by bond, bill of exchange, debentures, or otherwise, or to issue or create any security of the Company (both present and future), including any such bills, notes, or otherwise as may be deemed advisable or beneficial to the Company. (13.) To sell, demise, or dispose of the Company, or of any of its assets, or of any part thereof, or any rights or easements therein or thereover, and any other property or interest in or to any land, machinery, plant and buildings thereon, for cash or shares, or debentures, in any company, or on terms of sharing in profits, or otherwise, and to procure the Company's name to be placed on any list of the Company among the members in specie or otherwise.

(14.) To carry on any business, the carrying out of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested. (15.) To acquire, by grant, purchase or otherwise, any concession of any property or privileges from any government, and to perform and fulfill the terms and conditions of any such grant, purchase, or concession. (16.) To obtain any act, law, or order of any legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect. (17.) To pay the costs, charges and expenses of or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up. (18.) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any province, colony, or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any province, colony or foreign state. (19.) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or granting or otherwise procuring capital for the Company or otherwise. Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. [S.] S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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LICENCE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

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