

A London despatch says: Alaskan boundary matters are still taking up considerable attention at the foreign office. The Canadian minister of marine, Sir Louis Davies, is daily visiting the officials, who are busy drawing plans illustrating Canada's contention. He expects to finish his share of the matter in two weeks. He will probably return home October 19. The negotiations at present apparently are confined to consultations between Great Britain and Canada, the United States embassy taking little or no part in them until Sir Louis Davies reaches an understanding with the imperial government. Reports of the arrival at a settlement continue to appear, but these are as unreliable as they are contradictory. Sir L. H. Davies said to a reporter of the Associated Press: "It is impossible to give out any statement at present." Asked if he was going over the Tower-Hay propositions, he said: "No not exactly. I am here solely to represent the stand of the Canadian government." It is inferred that no definite settlement will be reached until after the convening of the high commission.

The Committee organized for building a monument to Eugene Field, the poet laureate of childhood, is composed of the editors and proprietors of each of Chicago's daily papers. A large number of the leading citizens of the country suggested that it would also be well at the same time to show the love of all men for Eugene Field and his works by providing in a measure for his family. An honorary membership was then appointed to the Monument Fund comprised of prominent men and women all over the country, and it was then decided to divide the fund created equally between the family of the late Eugene Field and the fund for the building of a monument to the memory of the beloved poet of childhood. It was the first intention to merely publish a beautiful four-page certificate of a subscription of \$1.00 to the fund. Mr. Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, desiring to secure the co-operation of about four or five of America's greatest illustrators, wrote to thirty-two of the great artists to secure their assistance, thinking that out of this number possibly four could be found who would be able to find time to comply, knowing that illustrators of such ability have their time engaged three, five, and eight months ahead. To the surprise of the Committee the response from the artists was immediate and unanimous. Each one in writing spoke of the esteem, love, and friendship felt for a mind so great and a heart so true, and were glad to have the honor of assisting in a testimonial to his worth. The Committee, instead of having a few drawings to embellish a Certificate, found themselves with \$15,000 worth of drawings each one illustrating some verse or poem of the dead poet. It was then found necessary to increase the souvenir to a cloth-bound, (white or apple-green basket buckram cloth), die-stamped, 40-page book, which, while typographically perfect and containing some of the brightest gems of Eugene Field, is probably the greatest medley of modern art appearing in any one publication, and the Committee was enabled by this means to issue at a profit to the fund for \$1.00 a book that \$7.00 would not have paid for under other circumstances. The original drawings are now being exhibited in the different large cities, and are attracting universal attention. There should yet be raised from \$4,000 to \$6,000, which it is hoped and believed will be done by February, as the result of this additional advertising being done by the great newspapers and magazines all over the country, who have made it a personal matter to see to it that a portion of their valuable space is devoted to mentioning this book, as their part of the contribution to the fund, and in this way giving many times the actual value of the space in bringing the cause before the public. These souvenir books are now ready for distribution. Subscriptions as low as a dollar will be received, but you are not limited to any amount. For each dollar subscribed to this fund there will be issued a copy of Field Flowers as a souvenir certificate of subscription. The book may also be had at book stores, price \$1.00 or it may be obtained direct (by enclosing ten cents additional postage) at the following address.

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News Summary

J. M. Peyton army secretary of the Protherood of St. Andrew, declares the American army in the Philippines is composed of "drunkards, rakes and gamblers."

Louis Belanger, 78 years of age, of St. Hyacinthe, and Mrs. Eugene Fontaine, aged 57, of Actonville, were married at Actonville, Quebec, on Saturday last.

Employees of the Long Island Railroad company have been forbidden by rule to address women as "lady" and to touch them when they board or alight from trains. They must address women as "madam."

James Fisher a native of Woodstock, Ontario, has been unanimously elected to the presidency of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London England. This is the highest honor that can be conferred upon any member of the profession, and Mr. Fraser is the first colonist to occupy the position.

Sir John and Lady Carling celebrated their golden wedding at their home in London, Ont. Oct. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carling, with their children, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nicholson of Ottawa arrived to take part in the family reunion. Sir John is 71 years old. Lady Carling was Miss Hannah Dalton, daughter of the late Henry Dalton of London.

The original crusaders of 1873 and 1874 of Pittsburg and Alleghany, reorganized Tuesday and inaugurated a movement to secure the national convention of the W. C. T. U. for Pittsburg, Pa., in 1900. The invitation, which will be presented to the Seattle convention, Oct. 20, has been signed by all the temperance societies, ministerial associations, Young People's Christian associations and the mayors of the two cities.

The yacht that won the first international cup was owned in Lowell by Gen. Benj. F. Butler. If the Shamrock wins in the coming races Sir Thomas Lipton will receive a challenge from several Lowell men who are willing to spend half a million dollars to bring it back. There are said to be seven men interested, and they include Alfred E. Rose, who is himself a yachtsman.

The Canadian government has been advised that should Canada desire to place at the disposal of the British commander at Cape Town by Oct. 31 four fighting units, numbering 500 in all, infantry preferred, the imperial government will accept the offer with the sincerest gratitude and fullest appreciation of the high imperial aims dictating the proposal.

The American whaler Beluga, Capt. Bodfish, has arrived at San Francisco, 14 days from Unalaska. Her total catch was 32 whales. Besides her cargo of oil, she had on board 106,000 pounds of bone and nearly 200 valued fur skins. The total catch of the other vessels of the whaling fleet since the last report was 25 whales. Collector of the port of Dutch harbor sighted the bark Alice Knowles with four whales and the Gay head with two whales, Aug 15.

John Greener, who has iron claims at George's river, Cape Breton, in that county, to-day stripped the top off the iron bed and found it to be forty feet wide and increasing in width as it goes down. He also stripped a copper vein and found it to be thirty-five feet wide. This is the same vein that was opened some time ago by a shaft or pit 80 feet deep proclaimed by Yukon McDonald, of Inverness, to be equal if not superior to the Montana copper. This copper carries a large percentage of gold.

Winnipeg Free Press: When in the city the other day Mr. J. H. Ross, a member of the executive of the Northwest territories, stated that an idea of the increased number of settlers and the rapid growth of the territories might be gathered from the fact that this year the number of schools will be increased from about 400 to about 500. There will be substantial reasons available for any request that may be made for increased subsidy from the federal authorities. Schools, roads and bridges all cost money, but they are all necessary, in fact indispensable.

In London, the subject of a mint for Canada has received considerable attention of late. Those most competent to give an opinion insist that a Canadian mint would mean enormous expense. As it is, all the silver in Canada can be minted at the royal mint at a very small charge. Enough silver and copper can be minted here in one month to last Canada twenty years.

Miss Mabel Parsons, who accompanied by her sister, Nellie B., left Nova Scotia via Yarmouth early last month to join the teaching staff of Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, has written home that they arrived safely last Thursday. They visited friends and enjoyed sight-seeing in nine cities along the line.

DR. SPROULE
The Eminent Catarrh Specialist.

A Short History of his Life and the Great Work he is Accomplishing.



We give in this issue a brief sketch of the life of Dr. Sproule, the catarrh specialist, who has made such a great reputation all over the North American continent.

Born of Scotch-Irish parentage in the North of Ireland some 40 years ago, the doctor received a most liberal education—first at the Londonderry Academy and later at Trinity College, Dublin, where, after a very extended course of six years, so as to thoroughly perfect himself in every branch, he graduated in 1881 with much distinction, not only as a physician and surgeon, but also as a bachelor of arts, and thus acquired one of the best educations obtainable in any part of the world. His university course finished, the doctor determined to see the world and gained a position in the British Royal Naval Mail Service, where he became familiar with the numerous and varied diseases incidental to the different foreign countries.

On leaving the service Dr. Sproule settled down as a general medical practitioner, but soon recognized that the field was too large, that a physician in order to gain the greatest possible skill in the treatment of any particular disease, must limit his practice. To this end the doctor stopped treating all other diseases and chose out that special line of cases

for which he was most eminently fitted—catarrh and its consequences. He carefully studied the works of other specialists that had preceded him; went to all the principal institutions the world over where such diseases are most scientifically treated and learned the most successful means of eradicating them. He thus brings to bear upon disease a vast array of cases, statistics and valuable information, compiled by his own efforts, and by that means laid the foundation of the immense practice which he has for the last thirteen years been building up.

The doctor is an author of considerable reputation. His books and pamphlets on catarrh and allied diseases are considered standard, and his frequent contributions to medical and scientific journals are read with interest by doctors everywhere. He is also an able lecturer on medicine and kindred subjects.

Dr. Sproule's catarrhal practice is probably the largest on the North American continent. Although confined principally to New England, it extends to every state in the union and to every province in Canada. The system of treatment by correspondence, which he has instituted and for which he is now famous, has brought him in contact with thousands of patients all over the continent that he has cured without ever having seen.

The doctor is no stranger to the people of Canada. In order to learn the principal disease of the country, and also to show the Canadian people that he could cure catarrh, he went to Toronto and practiced as a specialist from November 1897, to June 1898. His success was phenomenal; from far and near the patients came, but by far the larger number lived away at too great a distance to interview the doctor personally. They wrote and were treated by correspondence, and with such great success that now the name of Dr. Sproule is almost a household word all over Ontario.

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Strained His Features.—"Have I got the 'pleasing expression' you want?" asked Mr. Billus. "Yes, sir," replied the photographer. "I think that will do very well." "Then hurry up, please, it hurts my face."