

**BECAUSE THEY HAD TO.**

**That is Why Vancouver Council Decided to Raise the Quarantine Against Victoria.**

**An Alderman Says it Seems Pretty Hard to Submit Even to the Law.**

**The "Prisoners" Released From Quarantine Upon the Advice of the Acting Solicitor.**

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, July 28.—The council was called together at 10 o'clock, this morning, when Acting City Solicitor Russell gave a legal rendition of the judgment in the two cases that went against the city, and explained the exact position in which they stood. The following resolution was then moved by Ald. Connors, seconded by Ald. Collins:

"That whereas from reports issued by the health officers, it appears that the city of Victoria has now checked the spread of the disease of smallpox, and apparently has it under control; and whereas the city of New Westminster has been obliged to raise the quarantine against the influx into that city of passengers from Victoria, and thereby renders it a matter of great difficulty on the part of the city of Vancouver to effectually carry out the quarantine regulations hitherto enforced if it was considered necessary to continue them, therefore be it resolved that the quarantine enforced up to this date be released, and the health officers be instructed to strictly carry out the health regulations so far as it may, under present circumstances, be considered by them necessary for the preservation of the public health."

The resolution was not passed without a few short struggles.

Mr. Russell then advised liberating those in the quarantine but not to give those liberated certificates.

J. M. Spinks and Dr. Stoker were arrested for resisting the authorities or avoiding examination. James Laing and Stockwell walked out at 11 o'clock. According to promise they were not prevented. Early Sunday morning all were submitted to examination except Stoker, who resisted, and all were vaccinated. The remaining prisoners were allowed to go free at 11:30, Spinks and Stoker being taken to the police station.

After the resolution had been put in the council an alderman remarked that it seemed pretty hard to submit. "Everything goes against us in Victoria and we quietly submit."

Ald. McCraney: If we object we will make ourselves ridiculous.

Ald. Collins: I think we should appeal. The City Solicitor: You may appeal from the finding in law which would carry the costs with it, but you cannot appeal from the costs alone.

Ald. McCraney: Well, why not pay more or none at all.

Ald. Collins: We should not stop short of Ottawa.

The resolution was carried unanimously the quarantine being formally lifted. The city officials on the steamer Comox, were notified and made their way to the city hall, when acting mayor Anderson, remarking that his seat was getting pretty hot, vacated the chair to Mayor Cope, and the city was again swung into its old rut with the erring pilot Hammerley reinstated at the helm.

**AFTER THE QUARANTINE.**

**Dr. Stoker Fined Five Dollars for Assaulting a Guard—He Will Not Pay.**

**The Spinks Prosecution—Were Their "Breaks" for Freedom Justified or Not.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

VANCOUVER, July 28.—The defence of Dr. Stoker, charged with assault on a guard, was that he was detained illegally and made an effort to free himself. He had never seen the person before who attempted to arrest him, and as he was in plain clothes, with no authority, he resisted. When the man persisted, he struck him in self-defence. He declined to have the oath administered to him, and on hearing the judgment—a \$5 fine—decided to do the time, thirty days. It is said his baggage will be attached and a sufficient quantity sold to raise the amount of the fine.

A local paper reports Mr. Hammerley to have given the city the following opinion: The costs given against the city were merely the costs of the application for the commitments for contempt, and against judgments for costs there no appeal. The C. P. N. Co., as matters stand, have the cost of the injunction to pay. The city will have to pay the costs of the second application for *habeas corpus*, but not the first. He thought the night and should continue a strict examination of all passengers, as no contempt had been incurred by so doing. The judges are now of opinion that Victoria is not an infected port, and the injunction of the magistrates was not wholly advisable. The judges had practically upheld the by-law, but discretion must be used, and those only who are liable to be infected are to be detained.

Magistrate Jordan and Malson will give their verdict in the J. M. Spinks' case on Monday. The charge is contravention of the Provincial Health regulations in leaving without permission of examination of a boat held for examination by the health officer. Mr. A. E. McGee appeared for the defence and Mr. Hammerley for the prosecution. Mr. McGee contended that on the 13th of July, as the time Spinks was leaving the boat, the city had no health officer. Dr. Herald not being appointed till the same night, Mr. Huntley being simply inspector and not competent to act. Other points

**ON THE STUMP.**

**Bismarck Unwilling to Come Out as a Platform Orator—How it Was Worked.**

BREMEN, July 28.—It is learned that the organizers of the Bismarck demonstration at Kissingen, last Sunday, proposed to erect a platform in the courtyard of Bishop Bamberg's former palace, now used as the site of the baths. It was thought that this would enable him to address the people more satisfactorily to himself and to them. The Prince, however, declined with some scorn to assent to this arrangement, saying that he did not intend to comment on the career of a statesman on the stump. The organizers then, without saying anything to Bismarck, raised a mound in the centre of the court yard and covered it with turf, so that the old statesman did not notice that it was artificially constructed for the occasion. When the Prince saw the largeness of the crowd which had gathered to hear him he gladly availed himself of the mound as an eminence from which to address the people, and thus unwittingly commenced, after all, the career of a stump orator.

**CAPITAL NOTES.**

**Hon. Mr. Tupper on His Way Back to Canada, on Sealing Business.**

**Canada Will Not Retaliate on the U. S. to Her Own Disadvantage.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 28.—Minister of Marine Tupper sails to-morrow for Canada to present the Behring Sea case to his colleagues of the Cabinet.

Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Bowell returned this evening from a yachting trip. The latter said no action had been decided on in reference to United States coastal retaliation. The whole subject, he said, would be dealt with by Canada from a purely business standpoint. That is, nothing will be done by way of retaliation, but that might permanently or presently prejudice Canada's commercial interests. The Legislature of the Northwest territories is summoned to meet on the second of August.

**CANADIAN.**

**Sussex Prisoner in Montreal—The Jugglers Got Lost—Quarantine Improvements Planned.**

(Specials to the Colonist.)

**Tropical Heat.** MONTREAL, July 28.—The heat here has been oppressive the last few days, and several cases of sunstroke have occurred.

**Quarantine Improvements.** QUEBEC, July 28.—The Provincial Board of Health and Council of the Board of Trade are taking steps to improve on the Dominion Government the necessity of at once improving the Grosse Ile quarantine station.

**Union Members' Victory.** HAMILTON, July 28.—The striking moulders, who have been out for seven months, were made happy, yesterday, by the opening of William's foundry with a force of union men.

**Killed by Lightning.** DRESDEN, Ont., July 28.—Last evening, in a down shower, Arnold Reif was struck and instantly killed by lightning. His brother was knocked insensible by the same stroke, but survived. The storm did damage in other parts of Western Ontario.

**In Hands of a Receiver.** WINDSOR, July 28.—At the instance of the Bank of Montreal, the Sheriff has been appointed receiver of the Windsor Electric Railway. The cars will be kept running as usual.

**Ex-Premier's Health.** MONTREAL, July 28.—Reports have been circulated here to the effect that ex-Premier Mercier is suffering from an acute attack of diabetes, and that the chances for recovery are small. Being called up by telephone, he personally answered from his country estate regarding his health. He denied that he was suffering from any form of disease, and said that for the last two days he has been working in the hayfield, and that the exertion had not in any way inconvenienced him.

**Sticks to the Party.** QUEBEC, July 28.—Mr. Faurel, M.P., for Bonaventure writes to the Chronicle, emphatically denying that he authorized any one to act or vote for him at the alleged Liberal caucus recently held in Montreal or that he had lost confidence in the Liberal party in Canada and its leader Mr. Laurier.

**New Mining Syndicates.** ST. JOHN, N. B., July 28.—Negotiations are going on for the purchase of the Joggins coal mines by a syndicate of New York capitalists who, it is understood, desire to acquire the Joggins railroad and other mining properties at Joggins river.

**The Majority of Montreal.** MONTREAL, July 28.—Alderman Rolland announced that he will oppose James McShane for the majority next year.

**Arrest of Dishonest Conductors.** PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—Ten street car conductors were arrested and locked up to-day, five on the Second Street line and five on Washington Street line. The company claims to have lost \$6,000 a month, and states that the ten conductors are the chief culprits, although many others are interested. The men under arrest are confined in separate cells, those from each line being in different jails. It is stated that a great portion of the amount stolen was in transfers from one line to the other.

**CABLE NEWS.**

**Extensive Bank Swindles in Australia—Glasgow to Get Fair Play From the Parnellites.**

**Destructive Volcanic Eruptions—Six Thousand Persons Said to Have Perished.**

**Huge Lottery for Relief of Distress in the Reams of the Czar.**

**Parnellite Pronouncements.**

DUBLIN, July 28.—Prominent members of the Parnellite party were present at a meeting of the Irish National League, to-day, and a number of addresses were made. Edmund Lamy said the Parnellites returned to the House of Commons in the late election would not go to Parliament as captious critics of the Home Rule schemes produced by Mr. Gladstone. They desired to give him fair play, but no more. Edward Harrington said the Parnellites were defeated in the recent campaign by conspiracy and lying intrigue. A promising thing for them was that they had the support of the young men of the country. William Redmond held that the English must be compelled to concede Home Rule to Ireland.

**Stna Again Active.**

CARMAJON, July 28.—There has been a renewal of violence in the eruption of Mount Kama. Incessant rumblings are accompanied by showers of ash. The English steamer was left to-day, at Mino, 87 miles south of here.

**The Seattle Eruption.**

AMSTERDAM, July 28.—The Handelsblad publishes letters giving details of the recent eruption at the Great Sangier Island. It commenced at 6 p. m. Immense flames, smoke and masses of stone suddenly burst from the volcano. Stones fell all over the island, killing hundreds of natives. Those who succeeded in reaching their homes found no refuge, many of the houses having been crushed beneath the falling stone and ashes, burying the inmates. In some instances whole families. Streams of lava flowed with frightful rapidity from the mountains. It is estimated that over 6000 persons perished on the slopes of the mountain, nearly hundred more in the lowlands. The island is now threatened with famine. The Dutch authorities are doing the best they can to alleviate the distress.

**Gladstone's Majority Reduced.**

LONDON, July 28.—By a recent vote, Sutherland, Liberal-Unionist, has been awarded the seat in Greenock. This reduces Gladstone's majority by two votes.

**To Relieve Russia.**

PARIS, July 28.—The Franco-Russian relief committee has requested Premier Loubet to try his influence with the banks to assist in the issue of lottery bonds, enabling the committee to raise 25,000,000 francs for the relief of the distress in Russia. Loubet promised to co-operate and expressed a wish that a similar plan be adopted to relieve distress in France.

**Swedish Cabinet Resigned.**

CHRISTIANIA, July 28.—At the meeting of the Storting, it was decided to present an address to the members of the cabinet who recently tendered their resignations owing to the refusal of the King to sanction the establishment of separate Norwegian consulates, requesting them to remain in office and postpone indefinitely the settlement of the consulate question. If this solution of the difficulty is accepted by the King, the crisis is considered at an end.

**Australian Bank Swindlers.**

SYDNEY, N.S.W., July 28.—A sensation was caused by the arrest of Mr. Abigail, chairman of the Australian Banking Co. of this city, Mr. McKinnon, manager, and Mr. Lelmore, auditor, of the company, on a charge of having entered into a conspiracy to defraud the concern. All the arrested persons have held high positions in the community.

**Alleghists Sentenced.**

PARIS, July 28.—The trial of the Anarchists connected with the stealing of dynamite cartridges from Soloy Solskois, at the beginning of the dynamite scare of last spring, was finished to-day. Panxos was sentenced to twenty years' hard labor, Albert to twelve years, Drullins and Dix to five years solitary confinement, Etivant to five years imprisonment. The jurymen and judge continue to receive threatening letters. One jurymen will take his family from the city to-morrow, as he was warned that he would be killed before August if he participated in rendering a verdict of guilty.

**THE WHISKEY SMUGGLERS.**

**Successful Conclusion of the Hunt for the Men Who Have Been Defying the Customs.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 28.—The assault upon contraband whisky that has been in progress in the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the last few days, has come to a successful conclusion, and the military forces, two officers, sixty men and one gun have returned from their expedition with Bouchard the smuggler under arrest. The contraband trade has been allowed by all governments for years and years to proceed unmolested. Everybody knew that the importation of whiskey by the way of the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon was regularly conducted. The "free traders," as the smugglers are designated, were backed by men of capital and position. It was their task to sail to the French group off the coast of Newfoundland and there take on board the drugs from the Boston distilleries. This duty staff they carried down the Gulf distributing it among the poor fishing villages on either shore and such portions as were not salable below Quebec were reserved for Quebec itself. But special opportunities for its carriage into town had to be secured, and while awaiting a chance to land it, the liquor was usually concealed in a quiet reservoir on the

**AMERICAN NEWS.**

**The Pittsburg Workmen Repudiate Socialism—Beating the Atlantic Record—Bradstreet's Report.**

**Fearfully Hot Weather in New York—Movements of the Cruiser Charleston.**

**Keen Railway Manoeuvres on the Puget Sound Route—The Fairbault Plan.**

**Cruiser Charleston Going to Peru.**

WASHINGTON CITY, July 28.—The Southern Pacific station, which has been without a ship since the late Chilean trouble, is soon to be represented by the United States steamer Charleston, and soon, it is thought, a southern Pacific station, with headquarters at Callao, Peru, will be permanently established. The immediate cause of the orders which have just been issued by the Charleston to proceed to Peru is the unstable position of affairs between Chile and Peru. She was selected for this service at the request of the state department upon the representation of our minister at Lima, who thinks it advisable that there should be at least one ship in Southern waters at the present time.

**"SEAL PROTECTION."**

**Proposed Business Combine in the Interests of the Fur Dealers.**

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ALBANY, N. Y., July 28.—In view of the attention which has been called to the seal catching industry by the government's efforts to protect these valuable fur-bearing animals in Behring Sea a report is current here to-night which must prove of interest. From the care with which the secret is guarded it has been with great difficulty that a representative of the United Press has learned of the existence of a combination embracing nearly if not all the principal houses in the country which deal in seal skins and furs generally.

Just what the proposed scheme may have upon the market cannot now be foretold. The primary shipping point for skins sent by the sealers is Victoria, B. C., and the vessels of the sealing fleet are carefully treated with salt and packed in crates for transportation to London, the great international market. These skins, made in the fall, are immensely valuable and by reason of the fluctuation in values, are forwarded to London under guarantee of delivery at a specified time and place of departure.

Later in the bulk of these shipments from Victoria are by boat to Seattle and Tacoma, and thence by fast express freight to the coast. The vessels which ply to the Atlantic seaboard, where they are placed on the speediest of the Atlantic lines. At the present time, the first receipts of the catch at Victoria, and thence by the coast to the United States, will be greatly in advance of last year.

The banks of Victoria advanced the sealers as high as \$20 per skin last fall, although owing to the number taken, the price in London, which will be greatly in advance of last year, will not reach that figure. It is thought the action by the sealers has been taken with a view to mutual protection in the event of high prices, owing to the smallness of their catch. For this purpose a big pool has been formed, with a reported capital of \$10,000,000. Treadwell & Co., 454 Broadway, in this city, are said to be the promoters of the trust. There will probably be capitalized under the laws of the state of New Jersey. The number of concerns interested cannot be learned to-night, but it is believed the pool, not already formed, will be organized and made public within a few days.

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As heretofore stated, this is a combination of the principal veteran houses in Albany which have cured and colored seal skins by methods equal if not superior to those in vogue abroad. Among those in the combination in addition to the house named, it is said, are H. Ward, N. J. Bishopric, F. L. Ridgeway, W. B. Tins, and others well known in the trade. The syndicate has the co-operation of several of the strongest banks in Albany and is this city. The trust will be something of an important factor in prices, since the raw material, which has been hitherto shipped from Victoria to London and returns, will now be cured in this market, thereby avoiding ocean freights both ways and also the duty on the finished skins when returned to the market. Moreover, it is possible that such a powerful syndicate will be not unlikely to go into the business extensively enough to do a considerable business in exporting the finished product from the home market, as well as supply. It is also believed that the chief market for raw skins will hereafter be on this side of the Atlantic, and it is an open question whether the buyers from other countries may not in future make their bids for the season's catch at Victoria instead of at London, as has been their custom.

**THE AUTHORITY.**

**Who has the Power to Impose or Raise a Quarantine on Puget Sound?**

SEATTLE, July 28.—Superintendent Johnson, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, said yesterday with reference to the raising of the quarantine on Victoria: "It is nonsense for the local health officers to think they have the power to declare the quarantine off. Neither did they have the power to place it on. The only authority the steamship lines recognize is the United States officials. Of course the local authorities have the right to enforce such local regulations as compelling people to submit to vaccination, but when it comes to preventing a vessel from landing they have no more power than I or any other citizen has. Our vessels have to show a clean bill of health from Port Townsend before they can enter here. You can notice the difference between the sensation created here by the disease and the way these reports were received at San Francisco. There the United States officials inspected the passengers of the vessels as they entered, but no one was interfered with unless he showed signs of the disease. No one seemed to be at all worried over the situation. Why, there is scarcely a month in the year that there is not a case of smallpox in San Francisco, but it is attended to immediately and the disease never gets a chance to spread."

**DANGER OVER.**

SEATTLE, July 28.—Health Officer Spaulding yesterday said that he considered all danger of an epidemic of smallpox having passed, but that he would still continue to examine incoming boats and would pay special attention to vessels arriving in port from Victoria.

**SCORING CARNEGIE.**

**The Saturday Review Gives the "Democrat" a Tolerably Severe Roasting.**

LONDON, July 29.—The Saturday Review after referring to its former severe editorial on the Homestead affair as evidence of the degradation of the Democracy, editorially says: "We will not be likely to be accused of any foolish or sentimental fondness for the Government or people of the United States, but we cannot deny that there is at times not a little in their conduct deserving praise. When they do put their hand to the plough of law and order they go roundly to work. It is a disgrace to any country to allow such scenes as those which were enacted at Homestead, but as half a loaf is better than no bread, Tory vindication of the law is better than none at all, for a timid one. Nevertheless, by far the most acceptable result of the affair may be, and we hope will be, the silencing of that most self-asserting and undereared bore, our demi-citizen, Carnegie. He has wisely enough decided to hold his tongue thus far, and we strongly advise him to continue this policy."

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