

ALASKA BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Considerable Excitement in the Northern Territory Over the Question.

The Commissioners May Considerably Alter the Boundary of Alaska.

That the British government is fully alive to the importance of the Alaska boundary question and is preparing carefully to assert her claims when the joint commission meets to locate it is shown by the statements of G. A. Carpenter, editor of the Alaska News of Juneau, in an interview with a Post-Intelligencer reporter, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Carpenter, who is well and favorably known on the Sound, as a newspaper man, told of the situation about as follows:

"There is considerable excitement in Alaska over the boundary question and the people scarcely discuss anything else. The Canadian Government claims that Forty Mile Creek is in British Columbia and to make the claim good has sent thirteen two gold commissioners with power to make a report in relation to the gold discoveries and also as to the smuggling of liquors into that region. The general opinion of the miners coming out of the Yukon river region is that Forty Mile Creek is in British Columbia. It is a fact that it is very near the line. I had a talk with Engineer Pratt, who conducted the boundary survey for the United States government, and he is of the opinion that the camp is located in Alaska on American soil.

"If the claim set up by the British is correct there is a prospect that Juneau will come within the limits of the territory claimed by the British under their interpretation of the description of the boundary. This description says that in absence of a mountain range the boundary line shall be within ten marine leagues of the coast line. The American idea is that the line shall follow the meanderings of the bays and inlets. The idea is, from what I can learn from William Ogilvie, who has charge of the Canadian surveying party, and who was one of the pioneer surveyors for the Canadian government in making a report on the Yukon and its resources some ten years ago, that the Dominion government is now anxious to find out the mineral wealth of the Yukon valley in order to construct a good wagon road, or a narrow gauge railway, from salt water on the coast to headwaters of the Yukon river.

"In the first part of September last Ogilvie, with a surveying party of nine Canadians, selected with a view to their ability to stand hardships, cold weather, and skill in the use of snowshoes, started out from Juneau for the head of Taku Inlet. They were sent out by the Dominion government to make a preliminary survey and a topographical report on the Taku route for the construction of a road to the headwaters of the Yukon river. In a talk with him I learned that a road could be constructed from the head of salt water to the head of Taku Inlet to the headwaters of the Yukon river at Lake Tesslin, and that the distance would be only ninety miles. This road has easy grades and the construction of a road will not cost a great deal of money, as there are not many steep hills. In case this road is built this year there is a possibility of a steamer being placed on the Yukon, connecting Lake Tesslin with Forty Mile Creek, and other newly discovered camps, so that the distance of eight hundred miles from Juneau to Forty Mile Creek could be made in seven days, as against the present time of from thirty to forty days in open boats by the Chilkoot route. The general opinion of residents of Juneau, looking out from headquarters, is that it is England's intention, through the Dominion and provincial governments, to secure a foothold in Alaskan territory by making these improvements for internal travel and so as to secure a seaport for her shipping and a place to establish a naval and coaling station.

"The American citizens, while they feel it will be an outrage to allow England to steal so valuable a territory from the United States, still think that this country, in view of the past conduct of congress in not listening to the appeals of the residents for internal improvements and remedial legislation, is not deserving of the sympathy of the residents if this loss is sustained. This statement is engendered by the fact that many of the most prosperous miners in the territory came from the Cassiar district in British Columbia, which was opened to inland travel from Wrangell, via the Stickeen river, by a well constructed wagon road and a line of steamers to the mining camps.

"Among all classes of people in Alaska it is the universal opinion that if England succeeds in getting this strip of territory from the United States government it will be a steal pure and simple and another victory for the aggressive policy pursued by the British.

"The people of Alaska feel that the American boundary survey parties have been careless and negligent in their operations in determining the boundary line, by reason of failure to send surveying parties into the interior from the coast for a distance of ten marine leagues, thus securing exact notes and descriptions of the coast range in the vicinity of the boundary line. Their observations have been confined to the use of field glasses from the quarterdecks of the United States survey steamers Paterson and Hassler. The three Canadian boundary survey parties scaled the high coast range to the very summits of the mountains, in many cases subjecting the men to imminent danger to life and limb, in order to secure exact data relating to the highest of the mountain peaks, the nature of the topography and photographs of the important points,

which would naturally make and mark a boundary line.

"I should recommend that the United States government should show a disposition to learn the exact nature of the territory in conflict by appointing a commission with power to look into the possibility of building roads and opening up the country properly, and by these improvements maintain the rights already possessed. These would be a set off against the present aggrandising efforts of the William Ogilvie surveying party.

"It is a significant fact that the Ogilvie survey party has been sent out in the very middle of the present winter to make observations in the most dangerous and coldest section of Southeastern Alaska. Their object is to make a report on the Taku route, so the wagon road may be built to the head waters of the Yukon. They had ample time to have done this work during the past summer and will have plenty of time during the coming summer. William Ogilvie is expected to return by the middle of the month of March, and he will then make a hasty visit to Ottawa to hand in his report, in order that it may be acted on immediately, before returning to Alaska to finish up the boundary line commission work, which is to be presented to the English and American boundary line commissioners for final determination and agreement."

THE MINNEAPOLIS MURDER.

He Sticks to His Second Story on Cross Examination.

Minneapolis, Feb. 7.—There was an intensely sensational scene in the court room yesterday shortly after the Hayward murder trial opened. Blixt, the self-confessed murderer, was still on the stand and Erwin commenced the day's campaign by charging directly that the witness doctored his confession given yesterday to suit the public clamor. The state objected to the manner of cross-examination and the court sustained the objection. Erwin then asked Blixt how he accounted for the discrepancy between the two statements he made as to giving him whiskey. Blixt wanted to go into an explanation of this after his own ideas but Erwin insisted upon a direct answer. Again Blixt tried to hedge, answering that he was in no condition at the time of his original confession to remember details accurately.

"Any man in the condition I was in," said Blixt, "would not be likely to know whether the time when Hayward brought the whiskey was 5 o'clock or half-past seven."

Erwin laughed aloud and looked squarely at Blixt the while. The face of the murderer turned livid, his voice trembled, and he half rose from the witness chair.

"Yes," he cried, "this is no laughing thing, I tell you." He was pointing one shaking hand straight at Hayward and his lips trembled as he gasped, "Yes, you are the man that done it all; I know, I tell the truth, and you know."

Hayward, with his chin resting on his hand, his white teeth showing as his lips parted in a groan, had enraptured the witness beyond endurance.

Blixt was called down by the court and the cross-examination went on. There was an immense throng present, at least 400 being women.

It was evident, as the cross-examination proceeded, that Erwin had determined on a different line of attack from that attempted yesterday, which had so signally failed. He broomed the witness, Mr. Erwin took up the discrepancy between Blixt's testimony and the first confession he had made, wherein he asserted that Hayward had done the actual shooting, and asked the witness why he lied. Blixt replied that he was reason for it. Blixt replied that he was reason for it. Blixt replied that he was reason for it.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT.

Sir William Whiteway Succeeds in Forming a Cabinet.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 7.—The Whiteway cabinet crisis was ended to-night when the new ministry will be gazetted to-morrow. The cabinet proper will be composed of Sir William Whiteway, premier and attorney-general; Robert Bond, colonial secretary; Henry Woods, surveyor-general; and A. W. Harvey, Edward Morris and George Emerson, members without portfolio. In addition P. J. Scott will be receiver-general and Eli Daves chairman of the board of works, without seats in the cabinet. The new cabinet is the same as that in the original Whiteway ministry, which was dissolved last year on account of the bribery convictions, except that George Emerson replaces James Fox. The legislature will meet to-morrow, when the new ministry will probably declare its policy.

ENGLAND AND NICARAGUA.

Still Some Friction Over the Arrest of Consul Hatch.

London, Feb. 7.—Gen. Barrios, special envoy of the government of Nicaragua to the British government, has gone to Paris. It is learned that his mission here has not been successful. There is some friction between Nicaragua and Great Britain in regard to the arrest of acting British Vice-Consul Hatch by Nicaraguan authorities at Bluefields in September last, at the time of the disturbances. Hatch claimed the Nicaraguan authorities refused to inform him of the nature of the charges which caused his arrest, and at Graytown, Nicaragua, the captain of the British warship Mohawk demanded his release, no attention was paid to the request. Hatch was eventually released, but he had to leave Nicaragua for Jamaica until the affair was settled. The secretary of state for foreign affairs, Earl Kimberley, declined to receive Gen. Barrios.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

Accident on the Grand Trunk Railway Between Toronto and Stratford.

Warden Lavell of Kingston Penitentiary to be Superannuated—Other News.

Winnipeg, Man. Feb. 9.—An unknown man was found frozen to death near Souris yesterday.

A papal brief was received yesterday appointing Rev. Father Langevin archbishop of St. Boniface.

A fire at Morden last night destroyed two hotels and five stores.

The Dominion Ayshire Breeders' association elected W. V. Valentine, of Stratford, president; George Steel, of Glenora, vice president for Manitoba; C. H. Manners, Moosomin, vice-president for the Northwest Territories.

At a meeting of prohibitionists yesterday they passed a resolution endorsing the action of the Patrons of Industry in making prohibition a plank in their platform and pledging to support the Patron candidates at election.

The workmen of Winnipeg resent the treatment accorded Canadians across the boundary line. At a meeting of the trades and labor council last night the legislative committee reported recommending the council to petition the Dominion government to pass an alien labor law. This report was adopted.

The date of the Brandon Liberal convention to nominate a candidate for the commons has been changed to February 21st.

Kingston, Feb. 9.—It is now regarded as well nigh certain that Warden Lavell will be superannuated. He has been about 21 years in service as penitentiary surgeon and during the past decade as warden.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The Grand Trunk train from Stratford for Toronto was run into by a freight train that was following it near Weston yesterday. The injured passengers were Judge Burton, seriously; Court Reporter Monahan, leg broken and otherwise hurt; J. E. Atkinson, Globe reporter, two ribs broken; Registrar Joseph, missing. These persons had all been attending the South Perth election trial at Stratford. Engineer Manning and Fireman Reason of the freight train, are probably fatally injured. At least the wreck three cars caught fire and were completely burned.

Lord Aberdeen has agreed to write the preface to J. Castell Hopkins' "Life of Sir John S. D. Thompson."

Mary Lovett, an aged woman, and an elderly man, were arrested at a house standing before a fire in that building this morning when her clothes became ignited and she was fatally burned.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—At the annual meeting of the board of trade to-day, the president, Hugh Blair, said that last year was one of the most disastrous and unsatisfactory that the country had experienced since confederation. The number of failures was 40 per cent. more than in the previous year, and the loss especially in business lines rather than in manufacturing. He advised that no foreign money should be borrowed, and urged a reduction in the rate paid to depositors in savings banks. In reply to a resolution, Mr. Blair said that last year was one of the most disastrous and unsatisfactory that the country had experienced since confederation.

Halifax, Feb. 8.—The steamer Alpha, three days overdue from Bermuda arrived here this morning badly leached up but undamaged. She experienced terrible weather all through. She has no knowledge of the La Cascogne.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 8.—The most disastrous storm of the year raged here Tuesday and Wednesday and no trains arrived since Monday until yesterday. The steamer Stanley has arrived at Georgetown and the mails will be forwarded to the Mainland via the Cape to-day.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army, arrived in Toronto yesterday accompanied by his party. He says he has had a wonderful reception here since he landed in Canada. From Victoria, B. C., all the way to Toronto, nothing could exceed the heartiness of his welcome. He says of his colonization scheme, that the result of the inquiries upon his mind has been such that if the encouragement from the Dominion government necessary to his plan is forthcoming, he will start his own sea colony in Alberta or Saskatchewan. When in Victoria he met Premier Davie and cabinet. They were favorably impressed and a colony may be located in British Columbia.

The Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Association held their annual meeting here yesterday. John R. Smith of Brandon, and A. Turner, were elected vice-presidents for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories respectively.

Woodville, Feb. 8.—The Eldon house, with all its contents, was burned to the ground this morning, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. Loss six thousand dollars, insurance two thousand dollars.

Dutton, Feb. 8.—At the annual meeting of the West Elgin County Association of Patrons of Industry held here, it was resolved to ask the Provincial association to make prohibition a plank in the Patrons' platform.

Quebec, Feb. 8.—There is a difficulty between the Hon. L. P. Pelletier and certain other members of the cabinet. It is rumored he will abandon the ministry and seek his fortune in Mr. Laurier's company.

Halifax, Feb. 8.—The Red Cross steamer San Domingo arrived at St. John's Nfld., from Halifax this afternoon and reports having encountered fearful gales. Her decks were swept, the wheel chain broken, and she went broadside in the sea and nearly foundered. She battled two days with the storm. The British steamer Alpha, from Bermuda, and the Norwegian steamer Barcoia from New York, are overdue, owing doubtless to the strong

northwestern gales of the past three days.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—La Croix del Canada, the organ of the clergy here, insists upon the Dominion government disallowing the last Manitoba school act before March 6, when the year within which disallowance can take place expires.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—Hon. T. M. Daly arrives next week.

Many curlers who intend to participate in the Winnipeg bonspiel will be pleased to learn that Lieutenant-Governor Schultz has donated a nice cup as consolation prize.

Provincial convention of the Y. M. C. A. opened at Brandon yesterday. Over sixty delegates were present.

A case of extreme distress was discovered in the city yesterday. An ice-woman and child were found in an attic of a tenement house, poorly clad, half-starved and frost bitten.

The Victoria hockey team defeated the Stars last night and are now sure winners of the intermediate championship.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The World publishes a story stating that Mr. and Mrs. Hyams recently came here from Montreal and that the former has made and application and had arranged \$300,000 on his wife's behalf. The woman, however, learning the large amount asked for in different companies, declined to allow the risks to stand and requested the companies to cancel all applications, which they all did but the New York Mutual, and the serving of a writ on that company to compel it to do so made the story public. Mrs. Hyams, the World says, will sue her husband for alimony and refuses to live with him. Since the insurance episode she had lived in a house surrounded by detectives.

Hamilton, Feb. 8.—Martin Malone, a barrister, has not been at his office since Friday last and his friends are anxious as to his whereabouts. No reason is assigned for his sudden departure.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 8.—Donald Matheson, aged 80, living near Donald Junction, was accidentally choked to death with a piece of meat while eating his dinner.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Major Arthur Bagshaw Harrison, teller in Molson's Bank is dead. He was 45 years of age and was ill two months.

STILL THE BATTLE RAGES

The Japanese Are Now Attacking Chefoo and a Hard Fight is Expected.

Report That Officers of U. S. Ship Concord Were Arrested is Denied.

Chefoo, Feb. 8.—The Japanese landed a force of troops near here yesterday evening with the intention of capturing this city. The landing was about ten miles eastward of Chefoo, and an immediate advance upon the city was ordered. As this dispatch is sent the Japanese are attacking the forts defending the eastern part of Chefoo. Intense excitement prevails, and it is expected a severe engagement will occur to-day.

New York, Feb. 8.—The World this morning publishes the following cable from Chin Kiang, China: "There is no truth whatever in the report that any officers of the United States gunboat Concord have been captured or arrested by the Chinese here. Moreover there has been no trouble here of any sort in which the Concord's officers or other Americans are involved. (Signed, A. C. Jones, U. S. Consul.)"

Some Japanese ships which appeared this morning near Ninghai, a town between Weihaiwei and this city, and began bombarding the forts on the west side of the town, left soon afterwards without doing damage.

London, Feb. 8.—A dispatch received here from Chefoo this afternoon says the Japanese have carried the positions at Weihaiwei and have captured or sunk the whole of the Chinese northern fleet. The Japanese during the night of Monday last, February 4th, cleared Weihaiwei harbor of all torpedoes and submarine mines by the use of small torpedoes and steam launches from the warships, with which the small craft grappled for and cut the wires connecting the submarine mines with the shore.

When the dangerous obstructions were removed the Japanese torpedo boats made a splendid dash for the harbor and attacked the Chinese fleet with such skill that the battleship Ting Yuen was sunk. These tactics were continued during the night of February 5, and the Chen Yuen, Lai Yuen and other Chinese warships were blown up and the remainder of the Chinese fleet were captured. Following up this splendid success, the Japanese completed the capture of Weihaiwei yesterday by landing a large force and seizing the island of Kung Tao, which has made a gallant defence against heavy odds. Some of the Japanese warships passed Chefoo early this morning and fired shots at the fort, without, however, doing any damage, and in view of the reports current in regard to a feint attack made upon Ninghai yesterday the belief grows that the Japanese are going to attack Chefoo.

A dispatch received here from Shanghai says there is an intense anti-foreign feeling on the Shang Tung peninsulas and that the American missionaries are fleeing hastily.

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HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills, biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, sick headache, etc.

DAVIE TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE

Order-in-Council to be Passed in a Few Days at Ottawa Appointing Him.

The Financial Statement the Worst in Many Years—Ministers' Campaign.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Hon. Theodore Davie, premier of British Columbia, is to be appointed chief justice of the province in place of Sir Matthew Baillie Begg, deceased. The order-in-council has not passed but will be in a few days.

The financial statement is the worst for many years. For the seven months ending January the Dominion revenue was \$875,377 less than the expenditure. The revenue for the month of January was \$2,800,000, and the expenditure six million dollars, considerably over three million dollars of a deficit for the month. The decrease in revenue so far, compared with last year is \$2,200,000. About three million and a half dollars was added to the public debt for January last.

Eight additional honorary A. D. C.'s will be gazetted to-morrow. Col. Prior is among the number. The proclamation appears in the Canada Gazette to-morrow.

The ministers who have been out campaigning have returned to the city. Prior are not at all in a boastful mood. It is especially a few degrees more morose than usual.

The clerk of the crown in chancery has received eighteen additional voters' lists, making about 80 in all so far.

WASHINGTON WIRINGS.

Gold Bonds to the Extent of \$65,000,000 Will Be Issued.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—President Cleveland to-day sent a message to congress which says: "The business situation is so critical and the legislative prospect so unpromising as to enjoin immediate legislative action. Therefore the details of an arrangement have this day been concluded with parties abundantly anxious to fulfil their undertakings whereby the bonds of the United States, payable in thirty years after date, with 4 per cent. interest, are to be issued for the purchase of gold to a sum slightly in excess of \$65,000,000, which sum, added to the gold now held in reserve, will restore such reserve to something more than one hundred millions. The premium offered fixes the rate of interest at 3 3/4 per cent. At least half of the gold will come from abroad."

A PACIFIC CABLE.

Frisco to Japan Via Honolulu Likely to Succeed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is probable that there will be introduced to-day in both houses of congress a bill to grant a charter to the International Pacific Cable company for the construction of a telegraphic cable between the United States and Japan by way of Honolulu. Senator Perkins of California will introduce the bill in the senate, and Representative Charles Wilson of Pennsylvania will look after it in the house. Even if congress should make an appropriation for a government enterprise as proposed in the amendment of Ford to the sundry civil service bill it is possible that bills for a charter for the proposed cable company will still be pushed. Admiral Irwin is a leading advocate of the enterprise. The Japanese government, it is fair to presume, will become interested. It is learned that the Japanese minister has written a letter to Admiral Irwin in which he warmly commended the project and while unable to commit his government to it, yet he gave assurance that he would himself become personally interested and invest therein out of his own private fortune. Prominent Californians and leading Honolulu citizens are also interested. Admiral Irwin is the leading spirit in the matter. Another who will probably be named as the incorporator is Bishop of Honolulu. General Dimond is also largely interested as well as Hugh Craig of San Francisco, William Alvord, president of the Bank of California; Louis Parrott, George W. McNear, as well as A. H. Allen, another San Francisco banker, and Herman Oelrichs, the late Senator Fair's son-in-law. The promoters of the enterprise believe that if a cable should be laid as promoted it will prove to be profitable investment.

HAWAIIAN CABLE BILLS.

Something Will Probably be Done by the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The bills to charter the International Pacific Cable Company were not introduced in either branch of the congress yesterday for the reason that it is expected that the senate will to-day vote for the proposition for a route for an American cable to Hawaii. Senator Perkins said last evening that the bill would probably be withheld from either branch of congress until it is ascertained what may be done with the proposition now pending before the senate. He said, however, that everything was in readiness and waiting the favorable opportunity to come.

Later—The Senate has adopted the Hawaiian cable amendment. Yeas, 36; nays, 26.

BOWELL SAYS NOTHING.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—There is much comment here to-day over the fact that Premier Bowell, in his first political utterance in Toronto last night, should have refrained from dealing with public issues, particularly the Manitoba school question.

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