

SEALERS' SUCCESS.

H.M.S. Hyacinth Returns to Port With Latest News of the Coast Fleet.

Loss of the "Helen" of Seattle—Captain May's Opinion—Gossip of the Docks.

The appearance on the streets yesterday afternoon, of members of the crew of H.M.S. Hyacinth, showed in addition to the ordinary announcements of the movements of vessels of the fleet, that Captain May and his ship had returned from the North, where they went some three weeks ago to warn the sealers that the Behring Sea regulations had become British as well as United States law.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has made a number of changes along its route. The steamer City of Poughkeepsie is to be placed on the British Columbia and Puget Sound route, leaving San Francisco on May 30, and the steamer Corona will take the place of the Coos Bay between San Francisco and Newport, leaving May 28.

Captain Strong, of the Seattle sealing schooner Helen, arrived from Yakutat by the courtesy of Captain May, of the Hyacinth, yesterday, and returned home by the Kingston last evening. His vessel was caught in a furious storm about three weeks ago, in which she lost her rudder post and received much other serious damage that it was found necessary to beach her for repair.

Little news of interest was brought from the North by the Boecowitz yesterday afternoon. She reports the steamer Caledonia as having ascended the Skeena forty miles up from Port Simpson, where she is at present detained owing to low water, which is, however, expected to rise very soon, as the warm weather is beginning to swell the mountain streams. The passengers were Mrs. W. Warren, Miss Tranter, W. Dalby, A. McNeill, F. Johnston, J. Williams, J. White and J. Dorothy, besides 14 Indians, three Chinamen and two Japanese. Cannery operations in the North will, according to present expectations, commence on June 15.

The following figures represent the present catch of the coast sealers as far as known, the reports being from H.M.S. Hyacinth and the schooner Sancy Lee, both of which returned to port yesterday. The sealer has a catch herself of 170 skins: American schooner Idesia, May 6, 126; Borealis, May 7, 303; Beatrice, May 9, 323; Anoko, May 11, 465; Ventura, May 12, Kate, May 21, catch not given. Seen by Phasant: Sapphire, catch not given.

The reception committee also held a meeting in the city hall last evening, Mr. W. Christie in the chair. The finance committee announced the appropriation of \$250 for the use of the reception committee, and the supply committee reported having completed all arrangements for the day at a cost of about \$250, as against \$305 for last year. These figures include the estimate of the large committee for securing and fitting up the barge.

The following terms will represent the Albion C.C. in their match against New Westminster to be played at Esosco Hill tomorrow, play to commence at 10 a.m. New Westminster will most probably bring a very strong eleven, but the home team does not despair of giving them a struggle for victory. Albion—F. W. Thomas, captain; C. Jones, G. A. Malley, E. Martin, C. Schwengers, R. H. Swinerton, Q. H. Wenden, and F. G. Fowkes. Umpire, Mr. P. Schwengers.

Work is proceeding in a satisfactory manner on the new cold storage warehouses. The contractors for the plant are Collins & Lazier, John Coghlan has the brick and stone work, and W. S. Hurst the carpenter work.

A RECENT assay of a sample of ore from Frank McQuillan's "King Solomon" quartz ledge in Alberni gave \$135 in gold and two ounces of silver to the ton. This claim will shortly be in process of development, and big things are expected from it.

THE ISLANDER this morning will carry away a valuable cargo of furs, consisting of twenty-nine cases of skins, one case of martens, one of mink and five of mixed. The skins are being shipped by J. Brown & Son, to Lamson, of London. This is the first shipment of seal skins made this year, but they are not the catch of Victoria sealers, being those purchased from a Port Angeles Sitwah vessel.

THE AMATEUR Dramatic Association of the Loyal Orange League gave their first social dance in the Philharmonic hall last evening. The managing committee, consisting of A. McFee, George Brimston, John Wallace, George Grimson and Irving Kirk, attended to the wants of the guests of the association. Some forty couples participated in the dance, and all present were in a very pleasant and successful affair. Refreshments were provided during the pause at midnight.

LOUIS F. POST, the official lecturer of the Single Tax league, delivered an address on Free Trade in the Institute hall, View street, last night. The various problems which surround this interesting political question were deftly handled. Mr. Post is a fluent speaker and possesses a fund of dryly humorous anecdotes, which he uses to illustrate his points. The result is at once instructive and entertaining. Mr. Post will lecture again on Monday evening, taking for his subject "Progress and Poverty."

DR. ALBERT WILLIAMS, charged with having begun the practice of his profession without being duly registered, came up for decision in the police court yesterday. Magistrate Macrae stated that Dr. Williams had taken the wrong course, being registered. If the Medical Association had refused to place him on the list, the proper method would have been to apply to the courts for relief. The court further held that Dr. Williams was not in any way exempted from paying the registration fee of \$100. He should not, however, be required to pass an examination prior to practicing in British Columbia. After the summing up, the court imposed a fine of \$25, the minimum under the act, stating that Dr. Williams had evidently acted under a mistaken idea as to his rights in the matter, and with no wrong intent. The decision will be appealed.

THE BUTTERFLY PARADE.

At a meeting of Victoria bicyclists held at the music rooms of M. W. Waitt & Co. last evening, with Mr. H. Kent in the chair, it was decided that the bicyclists' party in the celebration shall be a great success. All that is needed is concerted action, and every lady and gentleman in the city who owns or rides a wheel is requested to decorate for the parade on Friday afternoon—it will be as pretty a feature of the carnival as was that of last year. Committees were last evening appointed to see about rooms for the storage of visitors' mounts; Mr. C. H. Gibbons was chosen as marshal and Mr. F. E. Alley as standard bearer for the day; while Mr. Kent will select a committee of three ladies to act as judges of decorations. Messrs. Kent, Thomas, Edwards, Reynard, Gibbons, Braden and Alley form the cyclists' reception committee. Prizes will be given for the best decorated wheel, best stationary and in motion; the course on parade will be a short one, and the riding slow, to accommodate the lady cyclists.

Last night's meeting was of special importance as its results will be felt, beneficially for wheeling, long after the celebration is over. It was decided by those present to organize a new cycling club, and this will be done just as soon as the carnival has been disposed of. The meeting adjourned till Tuesday next, when the new (and live) club will elect officers for the season and arrange a programme of runs.

AT THE TARGETS.

The fact that eighty men from this city are to compete on the same day in the Canadian Military Rifle League competitions has attracted the number available for the inter-city match Saturday, but out of the following twelve ten will be absent, as they have doubtly their best to bring the cup here for the year—Messrs. J. L. Beckwith, E. Brammer, G. Dasoon, F. B. Gregory, A. R. Langley, F. Mallandaine, G. H. Morkill, C. W. Newbury, J. C. Newbury, F. A. Quigley, F. E. Sargison and J. D. Taylor.

Nanaimo's team will be drawn from the following list: Messrs. C. B. Berker, T. Dobson, Flacks, Hyatt, E. J. W. McGregor, W. W. B. Moloney, G. H. Pittendrigh, W. Wall, R. Wilson and W. J. Yeung.

The conditions under which the cup is competed for provide that it shall become the permanent property of the organization whose team wins it twice in three successive years; and another win by Nanaimo will therefore make the marksmen of the Coal City the indisputable possessors. The ranges are 200, 300 and 600 yards, and the use of either the Snider or the Martini rifle is permissible.

RELIGIOUS CONGRESS.

Gathering at Chicago of Representatives of Liberal Societies—Closer Cooperation Desired.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Sinat temple was comfortably filled, although not crowded, last night, when Rev. Dr. H. S. Thomas called to order the first American congress of liberal religious societies. The gathering grows out of the parliament of religions held in this city during the world's fair and during which a conference of representatives of the Universalist, Unitarian, and Independent, Reformed Hebrew, Ethical Culture and Higher Orthodox churches united in the appointment of a committee for the co-operation between the various denominations of liberal religious societies. Since that time the movement has received the indorsement of nearly 1,000 individuals, representing various liberal religious faiths, and it was finally decided to convene the congress which opened last night for the purpose of considering the best means to be adopted to secure united action among the religious Liberals. Addresses of welcome were given by Rev. W. D. Symonds, of Battle Creek, Mich., speaking for the Independents; Rev. John Fabille, of Appleton, Wis., in behalf of the advocates of High Orthodoxy; Rev. M. D. Shutter, of Minneapolis, for the Universalists; Philadelphia, for the Ethical culture society of the United States; Rev. M. T. Savage, of Boston, for the Unitarians, and Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirst, of this city, for the adherents of Reformed Judaism. All the speakers expressed the opinion that the unification of liberal religious sentiment throughout the country could be accomplished, and that the time was ripe for a movement of this nature.

FIRE AT SICAMOUS.

Total Destruction of Forester's Hotel—It is Likely to Be Rebuilt.

SICAMOUS, May 23.—At 2 o'clock on Monday morning a fire broke out in the kitchen of Col. Forester's hotel, and in twenty minutes his fine hotel, store and the post office across the railway were in ashes. There was considerable wind and it being favorable for the destruction of the buildings very little was saved. Col. Forester's place was known from one end of the C.P.R. to the other. He has conducted the hotel for the past ten years, and it was a source of no small pride to him to have his place in the hands of his son, who has been three years with Mr. Onderdonk as walking and riding boss. For years past he has done an excellent business, which has increased year by year. His hotel was elegantly furnished and the store was stocked with an excellent class of goods. The loss of the hotel and store is about \$30,000. The post office building belonged to the C. P. R. company, and was occupied by Mr. Finlayson, who was the postmaster. The building was probably worth \$500; no insurance. The Colonel, it is understood, will rebuild as an early date, and he can rest assured that he will always have the patronage of the public generally who go that way.

LORD ROSEBERY.

The British Premier Emphatically Declares That He Would Not Be a Minister on Suffrage.

LONDON, May 23.—Lord Rosebery spoke this evening in Birmingham to the meeting which had just inaugurated the Midland Liberal Federation. He hoped that the Liberal conference in Leeds, he said, would speak emphatically in favor of a great limitation of the powers and prerogatives of the Lords. This would be in the interests not only of the constitution and Liberal legislation, but also in the interests of the Lords themselves. (Cheers.) Joseph Chamberlain had been a great troublemaker. Once he was hostile to the Lords. Nevertheless he recently had made an animated defense of the Church of Scotland. The Lords admitted his dexterity, but Mr. Chamberlain was not talking seriously. His hostility was not serious, but the mere legendism of a wandering rhetorician (cheers). Referring to the desertion of the Welsh members of Parliament Lord Rosebery said that the Welsh disestablishment bill would be passed before the government's appeal to the country. If the discontented Welshmen did not believe in the government's honesty and honor the sooner they carried their threats into effect the better. He never would consent to be a minister on suffrage.

JAPANESE IN HAWAII.

The U. S. Minister at Tokyo Returns With Important Official Messages.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—By the steamer Gaelic from Japan, R. W. Irwin, the Hawaiian minister resident at Tokyo, returned. It is supposed he has brought certain messages from the Japanese government in regard to granting the franchise to the subjects of the Mikado in Hawaii. It is understood that in the event of the franchise being refused to the Japanese their government intends to cut off all treaty relations with Hawaii and to recall all Japanese now in these islands. If this is so it will be a serious thing for the planters, as the present number of contract laborers is largely made up of Japanese, and it would be next to impossible to replace them in less than a year. Mr. Irwin is known to be the bearer of important dispatches to the government, and a special meeting of the council was held yesterday to discuss the matter.

FROM HOPE.

Mr. Wardle the Government Candidate in West Yale—Searching for Precious Metals.

HOPE, May 23.—(Special)—Jas. Wardle, J. P., Hope, goes out this week on an election tour through the west riding of the Yale district as the Ministerial candidate. G. Cook & Co., from Vancouver, a party of tourists in search of precious metals, have camped here. They propose to follow the mountain to the Similkameen country, so as the road is passable. Messrs. Goldborough & Yates, trail repairers, start out to open the road to the Similkameen this week. Mr. Colt, an American naturalist, has been collecting birds and mammals in a scientific institute in Boston, Mass., U. S. A. His field of operations is in the vicinity of Hope.

PARIS MUST APPROVE.

AND SO MUST CONVENTIONAL WOMEN AND UNIVERSAL MAN.

These Forces Must Be Reconciled Before Dress Reformers Can Hope For Success. Yet Business and Bicycles Have Made It Easier to Carry Forward the Movement.

Dress reformers must reconcile two extremes—the conventional woman and universal man—and then secure the approval of Paris before they can hope for a radical change in the attire of their sex. We are the slaves of custom and public opinion. Consequently the increasing popularity of bicycling and athletic sports among Parisian women is everywhere hailed with delight. The reform movement on this side of the water, which has been fermenting for the past 40 years, accordingly takes on a new lease of life. One of the chief attractions of cycling to the Frenchwoman was the possibility of a novel and fetching gown.



SYRIAN COSTUME.

With all her ingenuity, however, she has yet failed to devise a costume that respects health, adaptability and chic. The failure emphasizes more conclusively perhaps than the instinctive antagonism of men the difficulty of reconciling women. Increased knowledge of the laws of health, spread of physical culture, growth of private and public gymnasia and the general precipitation of women into the business world are effectively contributing to the present organized revolt against the tyranny of prevalent fashion. Corsets, tight bands, pointed toes, high heels and long or voluminous skirts are irrefragable foes to the up to date woman of the world. That a costume which will serve the best interest of health and at the same time not offend the aesthetic sense is a crying necessity, especially for women whose duties lie without the home circle, is generally acknowledged. But the problem of equalizing and combining health, beauty and adaptability in an everyday gown continues to confront the reformer. Never before, it would seem, has the time been so propitious for its realization, since fashion now admits of infinite latitude.

The increase of women bicyclists and of those who go to offices, stores and factories daily has so tended to reconcile the masses to women in trousers, knickerbockers or divided skirts that they have almost ceased to invite a second glance. Then the popularity of a play in New York in which three of the leading ladies at a prominent theater don masculine attire lends a certain fascination to the revolution in dress. The various forms in which it finds expression are shown in the bicycle, gymnasia, equestrian, "rainy day" or the Syrian, generally known as the rational dress of Boston. Equestrian trousers reach the ankle and button close on the sides. The skirt that conceals them is so severely shorter or narrower than the ordinary street dress. Knickerbockers fasten at the knee on a rubber band and fall over full, like the oriental trousers. They are worn under a skirted or divided skirt by most gymnastias and also by many bicyclists. The divided skirt falls below the knee and gives the wearer the

THE REFRESHMENT QUESTION.

Eating Between Meals Like a Parcel of Greedy School Children.

When shall we "leave comfits to slaves" and not find when we make afternoon calls or go to evening receptions that our hostess has provided tea or coffee, cakes or cream as a stop gap to conversation? If we attend a ball and dance all night, exhausted nature demands a substantial repast as a sort of half way house in the middle of our exertions, and the ball supper is an unassailable institution founded on the rock of common humanity; also, if we are invited to a luncheon or dinner, we go on the express understanding that we are to eat and drink if not be merry, and it is only just that we carry out the contract.

But when we make calls we have had luncheon, and it is not yet time for dinner, and when we go to evening "at homes" we have had dinner, and it is not yet time for breakfast. Why do we spoil our gloves and spot our gowns in the attempt to eat standing or from the improvised table of our knees a nameless and misplaced meal that we do not want, and that it is an unnecessary trouble for our hostess to prepare? We scatter crumbs on ourselves, our neighbors and the carpets; we spill chocolate on the piano and the books in spite of ourselves, and in our turn we likewise offer up on the altar of society a sacrifice of sandwiches and coffee. Can it be that when we are gathered together for social purposes the mental pabulum is so thin that we are compelled to fall back on material sustenance?

We are so careful to supply refreshments for our "at home" day as if the guests were animals only to be lured into the house by the prospect of food. A perverted sense of hospitality is converting the social world into a vast restaurant where meals at all hours and pay in kind is the regulation. There was a long time ago a rule of honor which forbade a guest to speak evil of the person in whose house he had partaken of salt, but this law has long been a dead letter, and entertainment has become a bore instead of a friendly observance. It is time to call a halt. Let us breakfast, lunch, dine and even sup on occasion, but let us stop this perpetual eating between meals like a parcel of greedy school children.

ISABELLA PROCTOR.

A Field For Women.

The director of physical culture in the Brooklyn public schools is a Miss Jessie H. Bancroft. The physical culture field is one of the best for young women with their own living to earn to enter. Really excellent teachers are in brisk demand.

A TEACHER'S PUNISHMENT.

Serious Condition of a Boy Through Injuries Received While in School.

New York, May 23.—A remarkable case of cerebral hemorrhage and paralysis in a boy eleven years old is under treatment by Dr. Justin Herald, one of the medical experts in the Dr. George Meyer poisoning case. The patient is Willie Wedekind, who says his malady "was caused by an injury he received while being punished by a teacher, Miss Helen A. Pettigrew, who compelled him several times during February to stand for half an hour with his hands clasped above his head. The boy soon began to complain of headaches. On April 16 Willie became ill. His brain seemed to be affected. He went home and then became unconscious. Dr. Herald was called and he began to treat the boy for brain trouble with much success, but the boy has not been able to return to school. "When I first was called to see the boy," said Dr. Herald, "it was 6 on the evening of April 16. He was unconscious and suffering from paralysis on the right side of the body, due to hemorrhage of the brain. The patient remained unconscious three days. Gradually he became conscious after that, but his power of speech was gone. The paralysis of the right, upper and lower extremities gradually disappeared and the boy's speech began to come back to him. He is now mending and will continue to improve. Dr. Herald fears the boy's memory may not return."

FRENCH CABINET MAKING.

President Carnot As Yet Unable to Secure a New Ministry—The Bourne Depressed.

PARIS, May 23.—M. Bourgeois was summoned by President Carnot to-day to the Elysee and asked to form a new cabinet. The two were in consultation from 5:50 to 7:30 o'clock. After leaving the President, M. Bourgeois announced that he had declined to form a cabinet. By to-morrow or Friday, it is believed, M. Bourgeois will refuse in case M. Falcouet, minister of public instruction in the Dreyfus cabinet, ex-Premier Ribot, and Henri Brisson will consent to enter a combination with him. M. Viger, M. Casimir-Perier's minister of agriculture, will probably retain his portfolio. The effect of the cabinet crisis on the bourse was depressing. French rents opened nearly a franc lower.

CELEBRATING AT 'FRISCO.

Queen's Birthday to Be Observed by a Reunion at the Exposition Followed by a Banquet.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The British residents of San Francisco and sojourners in this vicinity with British affiliations, have determined to celebrate to-morrow, Queen's Birthday, at the exposition by a reunion, literary exercises and banquet. The reunion will take place in the British section in the Manufactures and Liberal Arts building, and the banquet will follow later at the Ann Hathaway cottage, which is the British headquarters. The musical programme of both bands during the day will include a number of well known British selections.

DISCOVERY OF EXPLOSIVES.

Enough Material Discovered in Chinatown, 'Frisco, to Blow Up the City.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Seven large giant powder cartridges, two giant powder caps and a coil of fuse were found this afternoon in a shanty in Chinatown. The place was formerly inhabited by Chinese. On the ground floor a moogellan undertaker had his shop. The second floor was a Chinese lodging house and was always known to be inhabited by vicious highlanders. Italian laborers were tearing down the structure. In an inside room on the second floor they discovered explosives and refused to enter the house again until the police men had removed the stuff, of which there was sufficient to blow up Chinatown. The explosives will be thrown into the bay.

COMMONWEALTH TRAIN STEALERS.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Attorney-General Olney to-day received a telegram from the U. S. marshal at Helena, Mont., stating that he feared trouble with the train stealers there and asked assistance to enforce the orders of the court. The Attorney-General requested the War Department to send troops to be placed at the disposal of the U. S. marshal in Montana and Gen. Schofield promptly transmitted orders to the commanding officers of the department of Dakota to send aid to the Marshal of Montana to protect U. S. property and enforce the order of the court.

"Commonwealers" Sentenced.

SEATTLE, May 23.—Yesterday Judge Hanford, in the United States court, sentenced twenty-nine Commonwealthers who have been on trial in that city for a number of days past as follows: "It is the judgment of this court that you, and each of you are guilty of contempt as described and charged against you in the affidavit upon which you are arraigned here, to which you will enter plea of guilty, and you are sentenced to imprisonment in which this punishment is to be executed shall be the United States prison on McNeil's island, in this state."

The Covichan Indian band gave an open air concert last evening. Sufficiently good music was rendered to collect a large crowd amongst which the festive Sitwah mingled freely murmuring one to another "Delate skookum whistle."

Mr. Will Carson, who is a staunch friend and supporter of the Seattle Art League, was yesterday busy sketching from the club house balcony the yacht fleet at anchor. The picture will be a most interesting souvenir, and one of which the Art League (to whom it is to be presented) may well be proud. The Art League is an organization which is doing much good in Seattle in educating public taste, not its influence confined to the limits of the thriving city on the Sound.

BIRTHS.

KAINS—On Wednesday, 18th inst., the wife of Tom Kains of a daughter.

DEEDS.

McGRIMMON—At 404 Vancouver street, on May 18th, Fannie S. beloved wife of A. F. McGrimmon, aged 33 years, a native of California.

JACKSON—On Sunday evening, at St. Joseph's Hospital, after a brief illness, George Edger, a native of Victoria, B.C., aged 23 years.

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