FRANCE AND SIAM.

Siamese Coast to Be Blockaded This Week—Forcing the Menam River.

No Desire to Fight—Siam Willing to Make all Concessions Desired.

PARIS, July 26.—It is stated that an effective blockade of the Siamese coast by the French fleet will only begin on Saturday or Sunday. Until then all the powers will not have received notice of France's intentions to establish a blockade. The Chinese charge d'affairs had an interview to-day with the chief officials, at the Foreign Office, in regard to Siam. He is stated to have informed M. de Ville that Siam had no territory east of the Mekong as far north as latitude 23, which parallel was claimed by the French as the northern limit of their influence. He regarded it as unlikely that the black flags would join the Siamese in the event of hostilities with France; but, he thought that if they saw France and Siam embroiled, the black flags might resume their offense in Tonquin.

Lord Dufferin had an audience with M. de Ville this morning, and a cabinet meeting was held at 6 o'clock this evening, but the greatest secrecy was maintained as to what took place. Another cabinet council will be held on Saturday.

Le Temps gives a detailed account of how the French marines forced a passage up the Menam river. The gunboats entered the channel about 6 o'clock in the evening. Immediately both forts and the Siam gunboats opened fire on the French ships. The latter's gunboats crossed the bar notwithstanding the explosion of a submarine torpedo directly ahead of the fleet. The Inconstante rammed and sunk a Siamese gunboat. At about 9 o'clock the forts at Paklam opened fire at a range of half a mile. The French gunboats all this time were making ten knots an hour against the stream. At 9 20 the French fleet anchored in front of the French legation at Bangkok. The cannonade had little effect owing to the darkness.

BANKOK, July 26.—M. Pavie, the French Minister Resident, prior to his departure had a final interview with De Vawongse, the Siamese foreign minister, who said his government was astonished that France considered their reply to the French ultimatum as a refusal to comply with its terms. It was impossible, he said, to accept definitely any indefinite proposal. France had never defined her rights in Annam and Cambodia but the king, earnestly desiring peace and a speedy settlement of the whole case had declared his readiness to abandon in Annam and Cambodia all the ports that had been attacked, as well as the territory near them, including Stungtrenm and Khong, although these places were admitted to be Siamese.

SAIGON, July 26 —Captain Villiers, who is in command of the French force at Khong, reports that the capture of Fort Donson by the French produced an important impression. The governor of the Island of Khong was killed during the attack, and his death hastened the retreat of the Siamese. The French flag had been hoisted on the islands of Pilong Samlem, which will be made the base of future operations. The French Government have also decided to take possession of other islands in the Gulf of Siam.

LONDON, July 26.—A Bangkok dispatch to the Daily News says that Capt. H. M. Jones, British Minister to Siam, acting under orders cabled from London, maintained a strictly non-committal attitude on the matter of the France-Siamese imbroglio.

BERLIN, July 26 —The Tageblatt rejoices over the prospect that England, who scornfully holds aloof from the Dreibund, may become embroiled with France over the Siamese affair. England, says the Tageblatt, will be taught a lesson and she need not expect to receive German support. Other newspapers express similar sentiments, although in milder terms.

HONGKONG, July 26.—Admiral Freemantle has ordered the gunboat Plover to join the cruiser Pallas outside the bar, at Menam.

CHEREBOURG, July 26.—The French cruiser Eclaireur has been ordered to Brest, to be fitted out with a new armament. She will proceed thence to Siam to join Admiral Humann's flotilla.

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Claus Spreckeles, who arrived from Honolulu this morning on the steamer Australia being interviewed stated that there was no prospect of the U.S. Government annexing the Hawaiian Islands. He is opposed to annexation himself and believed that the island would be more prosperous as an independent government than by being attached to some foreign power. He thinks the ex-Queen should be restored to her throne, and is of opinion that the United States ought to use its influence to place her back in power.

The following is published here this evening: When the Australia left Honolulu, the Boston and Adams were in port, and if the information be correct which comes by steamer, the two vessels will undoubtedly remain there, and the fleet will be increased as rapidly as possible, or in other words the U. S. vessels reaching there will be ordered to await further instructions. Pending the reply of President Cleveland the vessels will be kept together, and should the decision of President Cleveland be, in substance, that the ex-Queen shall be restored, marines will be landed, and any attempt on the part of any person to proceed in a riotous manner will be promptly put down.

CHICAGO CONCERNS.

CHICAGO, July 26.—Four special trains were required to convey the Turners who arrived to-day, after their annual tournament at Milwaukee. Thousands of the German-American citizens of Chicago and vicinity participated in the programme of the day. From the Northwestern Railway depot the line of march was taken to the Illinois Central station, and thence to the Fair. After marching through the Exposition ground the Turners gave a programme of gymnastics, beginning at three and continuing until six o'clock.

When completed York's telescope, which has been given to the University of Chicago, will be the largest in the world. The mounting of the telescope is now being put together in the manufactories building. The tube is about 30 feet in height, in four sections. It is made in five sections, which together are 64 feet in length, and weigh six tons. They will be put together within a week.

HALIFAX, July 26 —Seven residences and Davidson & Son's lumber yard were destroyed and two residences badly damaged by fire; loss $25,000.

SPOKANE BANK SUSPENDED.

SEATTLE, Wash, July 26.—A Spokane special says: The First National bank suspended payment this afternoon. The doors were closed at 2 o'clock and a notice posted announcing that "owing to the continued withdrawals by depositors and the inability to realize on securities, this bank has temporarily suspended payment." The Spokane Savings bank, which is connected with the First National was closed at the same time. In a few minutes it was generally known throughout the city but was received quietly. An hour remained before the regular time of closing, but there is no effect perceptible in any of the other banks. There were no runs or threats of runs made. President Glover stated that while the bank has temporarily suspended payment, all the depositors will be paid in full. On December 1892, its paid up capital was $25,000. James N. Glover is President, H. W. Fairweather Vice-President; H. L. Cutter, Cashier. The Spokane savings bank was organized in 1892 and has a capital stock of $100,000. H. L. Cutter is President, James Monaghan, Vice-President and J. L. Prickett cashier.

WANTED AT CHICAGO.

TORONTO, July 26.—(Special)—H. B. Newits, of Geneva, Switzerland, his sons aged 14 and 19, and their governess, Josephine Wagner, were taken into custody to-day, on telegrams received from J. Bonfield, chief of the secret service at the Columbian Exposition, Chicago, where the prisoners are wanted for grand larceny and embezzlement. When the prisoners and their baggage, of which they had considerable, were searched, $24 380 in Turkish, French and Belgian securities were found. They had also about $4,000 in American money, and gold and silver watches. The prisoners protested their innocence and stated that they would not return to Chicago without the necessary extradition papers.

CAPTAIN LUDLOW'S REPORT.

How the Behring Sea Patrol Have Performed Their Duties Up North.

The Work of the Different Vessels—Number of Vessels Warned.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The report received by the Navy department as to the Behring Sea patrol is dated Humboldt harbor, June 27. It states that the flagship Mohican sailed from Sitka June 19, and reached Kodiak on the 23rd, arriving at Humboldt harbor June 25. The Albatross and Ranger were found in port. The Rush also came in a few hours later. The Albatross and Rush had searched all the harbors and carried out their orders efficiently. The Rush was instructed to put a stop to the illegal hunting of seal otter by white men, and the Albatross was ordered to the Bay of Baterfalls, Adoh Island, where there was to be a rendezvous of sealers on July 5, she to proceed thence to the Seal Islands, land her party of civilians, and turn her attention to the protection of seal life. The Ranger was to search and warn schooners on the Slime and Baird banks and reach Agattu island on July 15, where there was to be another rendezvous of sealers later. She was to patrol the station east and south-east of the seal islands. The Corwin left June 20, to cruise about the seal islands all summer, The Mohican spoke the British man-of-war Garnet and exchanged courtesies. The Mohican was to leave June 28, for Dutch harbor on a general cruise.

The two British ships, the Garnet and Nymphe, boarded and warned seventeen sealers, two of which were American. Up to the time of Captain Ludlow's writing, the Ranger had boarded nine American and two British ships; the Albatross, seven American and fourteen British; the Rush, twelve American and six British, and the Mohican, Capt. Ludlow's ship, six American and one British vessel. Captain Hooper, of the Rush, reported that seven American schooners had taken 2,394 skins, and twenty-five British sealers 18,286 skins up to June 14. The discrepancies in the figures are regarded as probably due to the many difficulties in the way of securing data. From information gathered from the sealing vessels, Capt. Ludlow stated that no steamer was to come north for skins this year, and the sealers will bring in their cargoes at the close of the season. He says they are under orders from their owners not to violate the late American laws in the transhipment of skins or enter the prohibited waters of Behring Sea.

The health of the squadron, he reports in conclusion, is excellent. Captain Ludlow states that 29 vessels were boarded and inspected by the British and American men-of-war. Of these, 22 were boarded by the American fleet and the remainder by ships of the British squadron. The total number of sealskins found on board of these vessels was 18.224, the catches varying from as low as 200 on some, to as high as 1,825. The average number, however, was between 500 and 600.

NICARAGUA REVOLUTION.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The Herald's Managua, Nicaragua, cable says: The city of Managua was under bombardment by the revolutionists for four hours yesterday morning. Two of the steamers, seized by the Leans when they started the revolt, appeared off Managua at 4 o'clock Monday morning. They fired at once and continued to shell the city until 8 o'clock. Thirty shell in all were thrown into the city. Considerable damage was done to public buildings and private houses, and two persons were killed. No notice of the proposed bombardment was given, but the shelling was begun before the women and children had a chance to leave the city. One shell burst near the house occupied by Minister Baker and his daughters. Minister Baker has sent a protest to the leaders of the revolution against the violation of rules of civilization and acts of barbarism in shelling the city without first giving notice.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, July 26. — (Special) — The Derby winner, George Frederick, owned by Alex Strathy, of this city, is to be shipped to the World's Fair to form part of the Provincial exhibit.

Solicitor-General Curran has instructed an advocate of this city to take action for $10,000 against the Witness for alleged malicious libel.

LONDON, July 26.—The General Credit Company has suspended. The capital of the concern is £100,000.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Of Interest to Volunteers—Decadence of the Cape Cod Fishing Interest.

The Late Judge Patterson—Farmers' Conference Postponed—Wreck of the "Alcides."

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 26.—The militia department officers do not take kindly to the project to form a St. George's Rifles corps at Toronto, consisting of members of the Sons of England society. They say that it would mean that the rural corps must be wiped out. Meanwhile thousands of young men have enrolled themselves.

A gentleman who has been accompanying the International Fisheries Commission on its rounds and who has returned to Ottawa, states that the visiting Cape Cod Peninsula Commissioners were greatly struck with the decadence of towns which formerly fitted out large fleets of fishing vessels, but the industry has decayed to such an extent that few vessels now leave those ports annually. The Commissioners obtained evidence that a number of American vessels had been engaged in poaching in Canadian waters this spring.

Supt. Smith, of Halifax, has been instructed to proceed to Health Point, Anticosti, to inquire into the wreck of the Donaldson liner Alcides.

The papers in connection with the dismissal of one of the companies of the 14th Battalion, Kingston, have reached the Militia department, but the Adjutant-General declines to say anything upon the subject.

The remains of the late Justice Patterson were forwarded to Toronto to-night for interment.

The conference between ministers and the farmers of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry at Cornwall has been postponed until the end of August, as the harvest is ripening fast and August 8 will be an inconvenient day.

U. S. WARSHIPS.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The U. S. S. Philadelphia, flagship of the Pacific station, arrived at Rio de Janeiro from New York on the 9th inst., since which date nothing has been heard from her. The only word expected was that she had left there for the Pacific in the absence of instructions to do so. It is not considered likely she would delay her cruise to the Pacific, where she is greatly needed, even in consequence of trouble in Brazil. The Philadelphia is bound for Samoa, and Secretary Gresham desires to have her there as soon as possible. Her sailing orders permitted her to stop at Rio for coal, and estimated she could fill her bunkers in five days. The impression at the department is that she sailed from Rio about the 25th inst., and is now nearing Valparaiso, Chili, which is her next stopping place. The distance between the two ports is about 2,750 miles, and can be covered by the Philadelphia easily in 15 days. Lack of direct information on the subject is attributed to the fact that the cable service is seriously interrupted at present. The Navy department has been informed by cable that the U. S. S. Monocacy arrived at Chinking, China, yesterday, and that the Marion had left Chemulpo.

PHILADELPHIA, July 26.—The first triple screw vessel ever built for this Government, the Columbia, is now practically completed, and has already been examined and pronounced to meet the specifications by the examining board, of which Admiral Belknap is president. It is expected that the speed test will be made this afternoon, although several of the Government officers who are to be present on behalf of the navy department department have not yet arrived at the Cramp's shipyard. The required speed is 21 knots an hour. The hull of the new cruiser Brooklyn, the keel of which was laid a week ago, is already beginning to assume shape. She will be the sister ship of the New York, although her displacement, 9,100 tons, is just 1,000 greater than that of her predecessor, and she will also be 20 feet longer. The keel of the battleship Iowa, the last which the Cramps will build under their present contracts, will be laid in a few days. Her tonnage will be 11,300, or 1,000 tons greater than that of the Indiana.

OCEAN RACE.

QUEENSTOWN, July 25.—The long distance ocean race from San Francisco to Queenstown is practically finished. The five vessels that took part in the race are all British. They were the bark Pinmore, Captain Maxwell, and the ships City of Athens, Captain Morrison; Bowden, Captain Law; Lochee, Captain Barrett; Lord Templemore, Captain Walker. The Pinmore arrived here on July 17, and the City of Athens and Lochee arrived to-day. The Bowden will never arrive, having been wrecked on April 27 on Ono Island, one of the Friendly group. All the vessels, with the exception of the Athens, sailed on the same day. Each captain put up $250 of his share, the winner of the race to take $1,000, and the second to have his stake. The Pinmore won $1,000, and the City of Athens, which was first to arrive to-day, saved her captain's $250. All the contestants which have arrived report having seen ice in South Atlantic. The Lord Templemore has not been heard of since she left San Francisco.

Senator Perkins.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 —Geo. Clement Perkins, who succeeds the late Leland Stanford in the U. S. Senate, was born in Maine in 1839. He went to sea at the age of 12, and came to California in 1855. He located at Oroville, Butte county, and followed the occupation of teaming and lumbering for a number of years. In 1868 he was elected state senator from Butte county. In 1879 he was chosen governor of the state, serving three years. He associated himself in business with Captain Goodall about twenty years ago, removing to this city. Goodall, Perkins & Co. are known all over the coast by their prominent connection with the Pacific Coast Steamship company. Senator Perkins is a leading member of the Masonic order, and prominently known in connection with various charitable and benevolent enterprises.

DRUMMONDVILLE, July 26.—The seventy-ninth anniversary of the battle of Lundy's Lane was observed here under the auspices of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society. The chief feature of the proceedings was the reinterment of the bones of the famous Royal Scotch heroes found last April. The bones were placed in a casket, which was wrapped in a Union Jack. Patriotic speeches by prominent men concluded the ceremonies.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, July 25.—(Special)—It is announced that Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, who is now in Paris, has taken passage in a vessel which sails next Saturday, and that he counted upon being at this port on August 15.

The C.P.R. traffic returns for the week ending July 21 were $428,000; same week last year they netted $417,000.

Information has reached here of an attempt made by a hired thug to stab A. W. Palmer, engineer of the P. E I. Interprovincial tunnel, in the eyes, and thus destroy his sight. It is alleged this was done because he would not agree to assist in robbing the Government of money by paying a fictitious amount. The matter will be brought up in the House of Commons at Ottawa.

The Liberals of Montreal will hold a demonstration on August 14. Among the speakers, in addition to Hon. Mr. Laurier will be Sir Richard Cartwright, W. Paterson, M.P., J. I. Tarte, M.P., C. Beausoleil, M.P., J. D. Edgar, M.P., and Hon. F. G. Marchand.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Unusually Important Events on the New York Exchange—Stocks "in Queer Street."

Excitement in Tacoma—Several Banks in the West Reported as Suspended.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The events of the day at the Stock Exchange were unusually important. In the first place, the transactions were larger than for some time past, aggregating 375,927 shares; and, secondly, the fluctuations were violent and erratic at intervals. Efforts were made to sustain prices early in the day, but they proved to be unavailing in consequence of the serious turn of banking affairs in various parts of the country, particularly in the West. The announcement of the suspension of the Wisconsin Marine Insurance Bank, of Milwaukee, supposed to be one of the strongest institutions in the Northwest, came in the nature of a complete surprise, and had a demoralizing effect so far as speculation was concerned. There was a perfect flood of standing orders from various Western cities, and this enabled the "bears" to make havoc of values. The dividend-payers and fancy stocks suffered alike. Northwest fell off 6¼; Omaha preferred, 6⅝; Manitoba, 3¼; Missouri Pacific and Northern preferred, 2½, and Atchison, Union Pacific and Western Union about 2 per cent. A good deal of stock was forced out on stop orders. After delivery hour, when it was found that no Wall street houses were in trouble, there was a rally of ½ to 3 per cent. The latter in General Electric and the market closed steadier. The quotations touched to-day were the lowest, in many instances, for a number of years, and while the financial and commercial situation is acknowledged to be unsatisfactory, some of the professionals seem to be disposed to buy stocks for a turn. The outstanding short interest is enormous, and many of the leading stocks command a premium for use. The approach of the time for the extra session of Congress is bringing about a change of sentiment in some quarters, and induces greater caution on the part of those who have recently been most aggressive on the "bear" side.

Closing bids: Union Pacific, 18½; Wells, Fargo, 130; Great Northern, preferred, 104; Missouri Pacific, 21½; Northern Pacific, 8; Northern Pacific, preferred, 20½; North West, 90½; Oregon Navigation, 40; Oregon Improvement, 18; Pacific Mail, 10½; Texas Pacific, 5½; Union Pacific, 16⅝; Western Union, 73¾

TACOMA, Wash., July 25.—This morning as soon as the banks opened there was a steady stream of frightened depositors pouring in. At nearly all the prominent banks they are being paid promptly on demand, and it is hoped that this foolish scramble which has already closed three prominent banks will soon cease. When it does there is no doubt that the Traders' and Tacoma National will open their doors at once, as they are in good condition to do business, but not to stand the stampede.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 25.—The Bank of Commerce did not open this morning. The Indiana National bank has issued notice of suspension.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 25.—The Wisconsin Fire and Insurance bank is closed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 25.—The Merchants' National bank suspended this morning.

LOUILVILLE, Ky.—(1:30 p. m)—The Fourth National bank has closed its doors.

CABLE NEWS.

MOSCOW, July 26.—There is an average of ten new cases of cholera and six deaths from the disease in this city daily.

ALEXANDRIA, July 26.—The cholera is nearly extinct at the Elbor quarantine station.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Second Mate Bolton and Quartermasters Emmerson and Daull, of the steamer Oceanic, which arrived from the Orient, were arrested this afternoon for smuggling opium. Their plan was to bring a few packages ashore every time they came, and store them in a cigar shop. Then, after they had carried it all ashore, they would meet, take it up to Chinatown, and divide the profits.

LONDON, July 26.—Mr. Joseph Havelock Wilson, M.P. for Middlesborough and Secretary of the National Seamen's Union, whose libel suit against the London Evening News and Post for £7,000 damages, resulted yesterday in a verdict for the paper, received another legal set back to-day. The Shipping Gazette printed parts of the article published in the Evening News and Post. These formed the basis of Wilson's action for damages against that paper, and Mr. Wilson also sued the Gazette for libel, placing his damages at £1,000. The case was tried at the Guildford Assizes to-day for the Shipping Gazette. The articles which Mr. Wilson claimed were libellous charged that the executive of the National Seamen's Union had recklessly disbursed the funds of the Union and had then fomented a strike to head off all investigation.

LONDON, July 24.—A dispatch from Rio Grande do Sul, via Montevideo, says: An important battle with insurgents at Jaguara resulted in the complete overthrow of the Government troops. The commanding general of the Government troops, Zavares, was killed.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Hon. Mr. Daly Gone East—Found Dead—Sockeye Run Continues Good.

Northfield Miners Will Meet on Sunday—Trial of Steamer "Ina."

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 26.—Hon. Mr. Daly yesterday visited the Pitt Meadows dyke, Laidlaw cannery, and the Brunette Saw Mills. During the evening Mr. Daly was busy hearing deputations representing public and private interests. He left this morning for the East.

Last week a number of shackers were ordered to vacate their buildings. Some of them who have been here a long time think it a great hardship, particularly those whose business is along shore.

A colored woman living on Dupont street was found dead yesterday on the floor of her house. On examination by Dr. Thomas, the woman was found to have been dead for several days. The doctor's theory is that she ruptured a blood vessel, fell from the bed and was too weak to get up. Her name is said to have been Ida Phillips.

H. Townsend, who has been purchaser for Mr. Marcus Baldee for six years in the fur business, left to-day to take a position in the store of J. J. Boscowitz, Victoria.

The sealing schooner Beatrice sent home 1,400 skins by the Empress. She left Hakodate for the Russian coast July 8 for two months' sealing.

The Empress brought word that H.M.S. Plover, in leaving Hongkong for Siam, collided with a river steamer's bow, and was stove in. She had to put back for repairs.

Silver was below 60 when the Empress left Hongkong; trade dull.

Ninety-six dollars was realized for the Sailors' Rest, Vancouver, by the sale of painted programmes for the dance given during the voyage of the Empress.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 26.—There was a great hubbub in the District Court, this morning, when application for bail on behalf of the Chinese girl Gan Hoy, was made; almost half Chinatown were present. The Chinese wanted to provide bail and so did the W.C.T.U., and after a long wrangle the Court decided to let the girl choose for herself. She decided in favor of her countrymen, and left the court with a highly delighted band of celestials when the bond had been arranged. The W.C.T.U. have not yet lost hope of saving the girl.

There was a decided improvement all round last night in the salmon catch, which was the largest, so far, this season. The boats fishing opposite and above the city averaged from 100 to 300 fish each, while down the river the take was highly satisfactory. Dryadale's and Wadham's canneries, at Point Roberts, have had the cream of the run so far. Wadham's trap caught 45,000 fish in the last three days; 20,000 being taken two days in succession. These are the biggest catches on record.

To-morrow morning, a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of the soul of the late Father Edward Horris, O.M. Very few clergymen were better known in and about Westminster than Father Horris. He labored in the Province, and especially on the Mainland, from the time of his arrival, in 1865, to 1889, the year of his departure to Ireland, whither he had to go owing to his complete exhaustion by overwork. When in Ireland he retired to the convalescent home of the Brothers of St. John of God. He was struck with paralysis in January 1892, and gradually weakened until death relieved him on July 2, last. Father Horris was 63 years of age.

Captain Woodward, late of the tug Delta, died at Ladner's Landing yesterday, and his remains were brought to the city and buried this afternoon with Masonic honors The deceased suffered a stroke of paralysis in Victoria several weeks ago from which he never recovered.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, July 26.—The Northfield miners' meeting to consider Mr. Robins' proposal resulted in nothing definite. Another meeting will be held to-morrow. John Rosenfeld is expected from San Francisco on Sunday to meet the miners, when the condition of the coal market and future prospects will be thoroughly discussed. Till then it is not likely anything definite will be done. Meanwhile the men are all idle.

Steamer Empire arrived this morning from San Francisco.

This evening the firemen turned out in full force with engines and hose carts. They decided to parade the streets and proceeded to the City Park, where the formal presentation of a new aerial truck was made by Mrs. George Morris, on behalf of the ladies of Nanaimo. The presentation was followed by a practice of the firemen and was witnessed by a large crowd. Dancing followed, the Silver Cornet band being in attendance.

The whole day in the Police Court was occupied with the trial of the alleged whiskey peddlers, arrested on the steamer Ina. In course of the defence this afternoon, the prisoners stated that the whiskey had been purchased for a man in Alaska. Their intention was to take it as far as the international boundary and then have it smuggled across the line. The magistrate convicted all three on a charge of supplying Indian Johnny Wokam with liquor. Sentence was deferred. The charge of supplying Indian Jim was then taken up and was still in progress when the court rose. The deputy attorney-general will bring a complaint against the steamer Ina of being engaged in unlawful liquor traffic.

REVELSTOKE.

REVELSTOKE, July 24.—A washout on the main line of the C.P.R., about two miles this side of Illecillewaet last Saturday afternoon, suspended all freight and passenger traffic until 10 a.m. Sunday morning. No. 1 express held up at Illecillewaet and No. 2 at Revelstoke stations. The washout was caused by the swollen state of the mountain streams, consequent on the recent intense heat throughout this district.

The steamer Lytton arrived yesterday between 16 and 17 o'clock. Some of her passengers were Judge Spinks and W. W. Cochrane of Vernon, B.C. and C. B. Hume of Hume & Co., Revelstoke.

The weather has been very hot the thermometer registering 110 deg. in the shade.

Miss Calmon, of England, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. J. Bourne.

Mrs. R. Howson returned last week from an extended visit among her relatives and friends in the East.

The members and adherents of the Methodist church have beautifully and comfortably furnished the parsonage, and a large number of them warmly and heartily welcomed Mrs. C. Ault Procunier, wife of the Methodist missionary stationed here, last Wednesday evening, on her arrival from Edmonton, Alberta.

The C.P.R. have been very busy the last two or three weeks clearing a townsite near their station. It is now nearly finished and adds greatly to the general appearance of the new town. Rumor states that as soon as the streets are graded the station will be removed to a location near the present water tank, and that lots will be on the market.

Clearing the right of way for the Revelstoke and Arrow Lake railroad steadily but surely advances. It is expected not only to see the track laid but also trains en route to the lower country this fall.

No doubt it will be a pleasant item of news to one and all to hear that smallpox has at last been wiped out. The town has had several cases the last four months, but it is dead now, thanks to Government officials.

Mr. R. Robson has built a neat store near Union hotel. Mr. R. Howson is building an addition to his furniture store.

It would be only according to "eternal fitness" and oughtness of things that the town should enjoy the convenience and luxury of electric light. There is no reason in the world why the motor power in the sawmill of D. Robinson & Co. should not be utilized at night in the manufacture of electricity. At least 250 lights could be secured.

C. Lindmark, of Hume & Co., recently returned from a pleasure and business trip in the Lardeau country, and particularly Trout Lake City. He brought back some fine bear skins. There have been many valuable finds recently, and the great absorbing question among the miners is "How's silver?" He has great faith in the future prospects and advantages of that country.

Mr. F. B. Wells, manager of Trout Lake City Townsite Company, kindly gave two lots on Vancouver street to the Methodist church. They expect to build next spring. The mission will undoubtedly be worked by the missionary at Revelstoke, at least for a time.

FROM THE NORTH.

The Commander of the U. S. S. "Mohican" Reports on Operations to the Present.

Catch of Seals This Season and American Semi-Official Comments Regarding it.

WASHINGTON, July 26. — Commander Nicoll Ludlow, writing on June 27 from Ounalaska, where the Mohican was anchored, reports the operations of the Behring Sea patrol to date. He announces having seen the majority of the sealing vessels reported to him as having cleared from Victoria and other points for sealing. The usual note of warning to keep out of the sealing grounds was issued to all these vessels. From traders on the Aleutian islands and along the coast and on the way up, Commander Ludlow and his assistants learned that nearly 80,000 skins had already been secured by the hundred odd sailing craft engaged in this work during the present year. Skippers, however, say they have taken nearly 60,000 of these in Japanese waters, while another 6,000 recently consigned to British Columbia, it is alleged, were captured on the Russian coast, leaving 12,000 for the Alaskan coast and Behring Sea.

It is the largest catch at this early period for many years. How many of these skins were taken in Behring Sea can only be conjectured. Reports about large captures on the Russian coast and Japan islands are taken with a grain of salt by the officials here. No one doubts the vigilance of the patrol fleet, but the patrol is inadequate. Delay in the departure of the fleet this year led officials to expect less efficient work than last year. Besides, the fleet last year captured a supply steamer at a comparatively early date, thus forcing many sealers to quit the grounds before commencing operations. Large captures made thus far will not, apparently, have the effect of reducing the price for sealskins delivered in British Columbia, sold at $14 per skin, an unusually high price.

Commercial Travellers' Day.

CHICAGO, July 26.—To-day is commercial travellers' day at the World's Fair, and Jackson Park probably contains more of that class than ever before gathered in one place. They arrived by twos and threes, by car-loads, train-loads and boat-loads. The celebration was begun with a meeting at Festival hall at 11 o'clock, when the delegates were welcomed to the city and the freedom thereof was given them in a characteristic speech by Mayor Harrison. John C. Fennimore, of Ohio, then addressed his brother "knights of the grip" on "The World's Committee of Commerce," and W. F. Mitchell, of Iowa, followed with some reminiscences of previous gatherings of the fraternity. After listening to several informal addresses, the drummers separated for lunch. Many special features have been arranged by the management for their entertainment this afternoon and evening, including a parade of the various savage colonies of the Plaisance and the destruction of $4,500 worth of fireworks to-night.

Triple Tragedy.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 26.—A fearful triple tragedy was enacted here early this morning, two children and their mother meeting their fate at the hands some fiend. It was about 2 a.m. when the South Side fire department was called out to extinguish a slight fire in the house of John Smouse, who lived on Oak alley on the side of the hill. The fire was small, and the men had no difficulty in extinguishing it. Some members of the department, on looking about the house, were horrified to see three bodies lying close to one another. They were those of Smouse's family, the wife and two small children. There were three deep dents in the poor woman's head, which showed she had first been struck deadly blows from behind, then the murderous work was finished with some blunt instrument.

BIRTHS.

BEDDIS—At Rock Cottage, Russell station, Mrs. S. J. Beddis, of a son (posthumous).

DIED.

STEVENTON—On the 26th inst., Samuel Steventon, a native of Yorkshire, England (late of Toronto, Ont.), aged 46 years.

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