

THE FUR SEALING INDUSTRY OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN, AS
AFFECTED BY THE BEHRING SEA AWARD AND CONSEQUENT
LEGISLATION, AS WELL AS BY THE INTERNATIONAL AGREE-
MENT BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

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Part I.—THE BEHRING SEA QUESTION.

A general outline of the standing of this question has, from year to year, been recorded in the departmental reports, the last, that for 1894, in dealing with the operations of the year immediately following the promulgation of the Paris Award Regulations, reviewed somewhat fully the machinery for that year provided to give effect to the award and consequent legislation.

The text of the legislation provided by the respective governments, as well as that of the instructions to the naval officers charged with the patrol of the waters affected by the award, formed part of the article, as also did that of the temporary and tentative agreement reached during 1894, for the sealing up of the implements of the sealing vessels traversing the North Pacific Ocean, east of the 180th meridian, during the close season.

DEPARTURE OF THE SEALING FLEET.

The following schedule shows the sealing fleet and the point of destination of each vessel which cleared for the spring fishery on the north-west coast of America, and on the coast of Japan, respectively: