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THE ISLANDS SERVICE

We are sure that the people of this city and all who have occasion to go to the Gulf Islands either for business or pleasure will join with us in an appeal to Captain Troup to recommend to his company that it shall take up the service between Sidney and the Islands.

If the Canadian Pacific can see its way clear to placing a steamer on the Islands route, it will not only mean that there will be a service in which the public will with the best of reasons feel the utmost confidence, but it will mean the development of the Islands with a rapidity that will surprise even the most optimistic.

There has been quite enough, indeed there has been far too much of trifling with the lives of people by compelling them to trust to unseaworthy vessels operated with no other object than to get as much money as possible out of each trip, everything else being subordinated to this one idea.

BUILDERS OF EMPIRE

Talk of annexation, ah! What we want is annexation to the Mother Country. What we require is union with the empire: an investiture with the rights and dignity of British citizenship.

"If it shall please God to raise up in this northern part of this great continent a nation of freemen acknowledging British sovereignty and advancing with the energy of the age demands, rivaling but with no mean jealousy, rather with a friendly and co-operative spirit, the progress of our Republican neighbors, and giving to our children a place among men which their fathers possessed not—then, sir, will it be reward enough for any man that his memory shall be recalled as one, although among the humblest, of the pioneers of our great work."

Do you happen to have read these words before? Do you know by whom, when and where they were uttered? There is much talk of imperialism nowadays, and men cross the Atlantic and a continent to teach us how to be loyal.

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New Brunswick and one-third to what is now Ontario. But whether they were more or less than fifty thousand, and wherever they went, they carried in their hearts a feeling of loyalty to the British Crown, the British flag and British traditions that found expression in the eloquent words of Howe, the great Nova Scotia Liberal, and Johnston, the great Nova Scotia Conservative.

Is it much wonder that the descendants of these people grow independent when called upon to try their "prentice hands at what they call journalism, or more mature writers avowedly aiming at arousing popular passion, essay to tell them what they ought to do to prove they are loyal? The story of the Loyalists was one of sacrifice. They sacrificed much when they took up arms for the British cause; they sacrificed everything except honor when on crowded ships they sailed from homes of comfort to a land which they only knew as one barren of everything that made life worth living.

This is how a British America was founded and it was by the sons of these men that thirty years afterwards Canada was defended against invaders from the south. They were loyal to something that was only an idea. What were thoughts of trade to men who had given up wealth, or station, or comfort for the sake of an idea, and shall any one say that their children have not kept alive the sacred fire which glowed in their sire's breast? Who were these Loyalists? Search through British encyclopedias will not help you to find out; but in one American encyclopedia you will read that they were "for the most part officials and members of the learned professions and their families."

Without the Loyalists there would have been no British North America and without British North America there would have been no British Empire.

It is pleasant to read that good progress is being made with the preparation of the proposed arbitration treaty between the United Kingdom and the United States.

A Dr. Meyer says that the secret of keeping young is not to eat much meat. Perusal of one's butcher bill is likely to make one a convert to the learned doctor's theory without any further argument.

Mr. Joseph Martin is having trouble with patronage in his constituency. He says he cannot get any one but Tories appointed and he won't nominate such people. Mr. Martin must sigh for a return of the days when he used to walk out on the streets and pick up cabinet ministers.

In the obituary notice of the late Mrs. Ella the date of her marriage was incorrectly stated. It was 1855. Mrs. Ella's husband was drowned in 1873, when crossing Burrard Inlet in a canoe from Moodyville to Hasling's. The deceased lady was one of the most widely known and most highly esteemed of the older residents of Victoria, and her sudden death is mourned by many friends.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy thinks that after all war is not wholly bad because it rids the world of surplus population. The same thing might be said of railway accidents, but we notice that Sir Thomas does everything in his power to prevent these on the lines which he manages. But if this claim on behalf of war is to be considered we must not forget to take into account that war demands our best. It is not a case of the survival of the fittest.

Military Camp at Kamloops. OTTAWA, April 13.—Kamloops military camp will open on June 8th, the following will drill: British Columbia Horse and squadrons of Corps of Guides, 102nd, 194th Regiments, Kootenay Rifles, Armstrong Independent company, signalling corps, Eighteenth Field Ambulance, Army Medical, Army Pay and Ordnance detachments.

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FAMINE AREA SUFFERS WORSE

Girls are Offered for Sale Because of Food Shortage—Stricken District Visited by More Floods.

SHANGHAI, April 13.—Pitiful stories of suffering in the famine-stricken area of China reach this city daily. Sixty girls were offered for sale at one small town without a purchaser, because the food the slaves eat was more valuable than their lives.

Heavy rains partly have reflooded the famine district for the third time in two years, rendering extremely difficult the importation of grain for the relief of the starving thousands.

In some cases the water is so high that it prevents the gathering of herbs in the fields and cuts the people off from relief stations.

GIANTS' SORROW

National League Baseball Grounds in New York Visited by Fire—Grandstand Destroyed.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The great double-deck grandstand and the right field bleachers at the National League baseball park were destroyed by fire early this morning, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Manager McGraw of the New York team said that with the permission of the building department today's game with Philadelphia would be held as scheduled. If this course is not pursued, the American League park will be used.

McGraw believes the blaze originated in the thick layer of peanut shells in the bleachers.

The park seats 40,000 persons and had just been renovated for the 1911 season, which opened Tuesday.

The park has been the home of the New York National League club for years and is one of the most beautiful in the country. The grandstand was a double-deck steel and wood affair and the field was surrounded by a perfect amphitheatre of bleachers.

MORE WINE DESTROYED

Estimated that Six Million Bottles of Champagne Went in One Day's Mousing—Troops in Control.

REIMS, France, April 13.—Advice received by courier earlier in the day from Veuve indicates that the rioters for a time were in absolute possession of the town and had erected strong barricades. It is estimated that six million bottles of champagne were destroyed during yesterday's disturbance at Moussy, near Epernay.

At Reuil, a hall of revolver shots was fired at a patrol of dragoons but no one was hit.

EPERNAY, France, April 13.—Owing to the vigilance of fifteen thousand troops and partly to the vote in the chamber of deputies last night nullifying the action of the senate with reference to the delimitation of the champagne district, comparative calm prevailed today in the department of Marne.

The fury of the wine growers has subsided as suddenly as it rose. Manifestations now are offering no resistance to the troops.

Life Imprisonment. ALBERDEEN, Wash, April 13.—Lionel Salasar, convicted last week of the murder of Ah Fook, a Chinese gardener at Hoquiam, was sentenced to imprisonment for life by Judge Seeks in the superior court. Salasar is 32 years old.

Advertisement for Weiler Bros. Furniture featuring an illustration of a woman and child, and text including 'Furniture makes the best wedding present', 'We Have a Big Shipment of Furniture Just Arrived', and a list of furniture items and prices.

AN EAST Today is the anniversary of the day that the British flag was first hoisted in the New World. It is not proposed to celebrate the day with any special observance, but it is not proposed to forget it. Let us first tell our children of the story of the day when the first Englishman set foot on the continent of North America. Today is the anniversary of the day that the British flag was first hoisted in the New World. It is not proposed to celebrate the day with any special observance, but it is not proposed to forget it.