

scheme should be quarantined, for they have certainly got it.

In this connection, I might ask, if an infectious ward is to be maintained at the Jubilee Hospital—or rather smallpox ward—for typhus fever, etc., are infectious—what becomes of the usefulness of Albert Head Station; or will this be reserved only for arrivals from foreign ports and suspects?

I have met several of the patients recently discharged from the quarantine station, and one and all of them speak highly of the way they were treated while there. Dr. Richardson particularly is praised for his attention to those under his care. One patient informs me that when the buildings were being erected, the good doctor took off his coat and with hammer and nails worked as hard as any of the carpenters so as to give the sick people protection from wind and rain. The Jubilee Hospital authorities are to be congratulated upon having secured such a thoroughly competent and humane physician to look after the patients in that institution.

The merchant tailors of this city, if their side of the story be true, have just cause for complaint. They allege that it has been a custom of certain wealthy men in this city to allow their accounts with the tailor to run a year before settling. The injustice of this to the tailors will readily be observed. They have to pay for their goods at a stipulated time, and also to straighten out money matters with their men every Saturday night. In view of the fact that some of their customers do not pay promptly, the merchant tailors find it extremely difficult to liquidate their own indebtedness at the appointed time.

What is the secret of the utter unneighborliness of the adjoining Republic to this country? The Behring's Sea is an old question, the American side proceeded on mis-statements, if not deliberate falsehoods. The annihilation of the seal at the Pribyloff Islands—though the ocean is now swimming with them—is made the excuse for the attempted banishment of all but the American Company from Behring's Sea, the interest solely and purely of the late and the present Alaska Company. This company has trailed the American flag in the mire, besmirching its dignity by degrading its officers to be menservants of the company for a paltry \$100,000 a year. The sole ownership of Behring's Sea, so wilfully contrary to tradition and fact, was put forward to cover the piracy of attacking and robbing British sealers on the high seas.

Now arbitration with its utmost pomp and air of unreality is to be resorted to—on what, in wonder's name? Whether the Americans or the company are to prey on British sealers?

I always thought that the British flag could "traverse the pole or the zone" unquestioned, and that the naval force of Great Britain was the marine police of the world. It has not always shown such pusillanimity as in this whole Behring's

Sea affair. We may speak of Russia as a treacherous, aggressive power, but the government of the United States is an unneighborly, over-reaching, uncomfortable government, especially towards Canada; witness the McKinley tariff, Behring's Sea, the canal dues, and boundary question; witness the aid and comfort to Fenianism and now Home Rule, the two latter especially none of their business. Couple with this internal weakness and incapacity to maintain law and order.

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A correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes: "Reading your interesting memoir of the late Lord Sherbrooke, I am reminded of some lines that humorously reflect the feeling of those who knew him in the height of his political fame. The story goes that a witty member of the House once relieved the tedium of debate by the following composition, which was passed round the House, and eventually found its way to Mr. Lowe, who turned it into Latin:

Here lie bones of Robert Lowe—
Where he's gone to I don't know.
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Farewell to happiness above;
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