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SEIZED ON SUSPICION.

The seizure of the Marvin by Captain Hooper, of the United States cutter Rush, can only be accounted for by assuming that the commander of the Rush, like a good many more of his countrymen, regards every with the treaty before them it is very diffi-British subject who hunts the seal in Behring cult to see how they can go astray, particu-Sea as a poacher or a pirate. Many Amerilarly as far as the water boundary is concans believe that the seals in Behring Sea, cerned. no matter how far from land they may

wander, are the property of the United States, and that no one except citizens of that country has a right to hunt them. Of

southernmost point of Prince of Wales Island does reach that parallel of latitude. It matters very little whether Great Britain gains territory or loses territory by selecting the true line. The business of the

A DIFFICULT POSITION.

Lord Salisbury is at the present moment, course there is not the slightest ground for with respect to Turkey, in a very peculiar to all appearance admire British institu- come when British Columbia minposition. He has, both in London and Con- tions as sincerely, and take advantage of the ing projects will be looked upon this claim to ownership. The fur seal are classed by the law of nations feræ naturæ, and when found on the high seas are the property of the man who succeeds in capturing or killing them. This was the decision of the Behring Sea arbitrators and this is what is believed by all men competent to form an opinion on the subject, no matter to what nation they may happen to belong.

But, as we all know, beliefs are not always founded on reason, and we also know that bury gravely and politely. He may have are to believe what representative France and that those who are so energetically and when once a man or set of men get it into their heads that they have a right to anything it is very hard indeed to convince He has not taken a single step towards government under which they live. Sir mineral resources are rich and varied will them that they are wrong. If Capt. Hooper carrying out the reforms which the British George E Cartier more than once be almost if not altogether as successful as entertains this notion with regard to the Premier has advocated so strongly and so declared his admiration of British in- the South African pioneers. awnership of the fur seals, he should publicly. The Sultan's inertia seems to be stitutions and his desire to be identified have been particularly careful not to invincible. Nothing can induce him to with his countrymen whose mother tongue allow it to influence his action in move. It is said that his inaction is ap- was English. He described himself, if we the performance of his duty. He proved secretly by Russia, and that it is do not mistake, as an Englishman who should have treated British sealers when not altogether displeasing to France. What spoke French. Mr. Laurier declares himhe came across them according to what had is Lord Salisbury to do? After saying so self to be a loyal subject of Queen Vic; oria, he came across them according to what had much as he has said and leading the people and no one doubts his sincerity. We find lowing sensible article on the subject : him to have an opinion with regard to the to believe that the Sultan would not be in a late number of the Montreal Star an soundness or the unsoundness of the law as deaf to his exhortations, is he now to utterance of a French Canadian who is not and down by the Paris Arbitrators. But it withdraw and leave the unhappy Armenians looked upon in Montreal as in the slightest existence, as it involves a contradiction of would be utter foolishness to suppose that a to their fate? It is believed that degree Anglicised, in which he shows that terms, is well set out in a recent semi-official man who acted as he did in the case of the has gone too far to retreat with he highly appreciates the advantages of He points out that the acceptance of any Marvin was free from prejudice. It is easy dignity, that British prestige will suffer if being a British subject. This is what Alder arbitrators' decision rests with the parties to see that all he wanted was an excuse to he permits the Sultan to disregard his pro- man Beausoleil, M.P., said at a banquet to the controversy, and, unless both concondemn the vessel. No man of common tests. Yet England incurs a fearful respon-is biblity if she by means of a display of force M S Canada a weak or so are to both of them. If they consent, it is not of over three hundred appeared as if it tries to bring the Sultan to reason. Europe, It was said at the time of Rome's pre- and enforcement is so often impossible that might have been shot he was justified with. it is said, is in such an inflammable condient inquiry in seizing the vessel. The break tion that a spark may cause a conflagration, ship was a passport to all parts of the world. as compulsory arbitration. In labor disputes, in the skin might have been made in a dozen and would Lord Salisbury, for the sake of a ways. There was certainly room to doubt that few Armenians, be justified in running the be treated with consideration and respect. not exist; for, while coercion may be emways. There was certainly room to doubt that if we are in an or of the solution of the solutio that doubt. The word of the captain of the reason he would have the hearty support of sealing schooper and his crew was entitled the whole British nation, but who is to tell to some weight. There was nothing that we what enemies he may make for Great Britain have seen to strengthen Captain Hooper's if he takes the initiative, or how she will suspicion, for that is all his accusation come out of the struggle if a hostile demonamounted to. And we submit a bare suspi- stration against Turkey results in a Euro- the liberty, the laws and the responsible Nor can the Government fix rates of wages, cion was very slight ground indeed on which pean war ?

to spoil the vessel's voyage and to inflict serious damage on her owners and her crew. It should not be forgotten that the diffi-

Although our friends the Grits are such sulty of obtaining any compensation for the fearful enemies —on paper —of corruption in injury done by the Commander of the Rush every form, they when they think that anyin the execution of his duty is very great in-deed. He cannot be held personally respon-hle for any blunder he may make or any in-justice he may inflict, and we need not tell while duty is very great in-thing worth while is to be gained by bribery and corruption do not scruple to bribe and to corrupt. This was proved after the last general election. The number of Grits who British Columbians that the United States lost the seats they had been returned for, is very slow indeed in making reparation because of 'bribery and corruption at elecfor illegal acts committed by the command- tions, was really surprising. And, to prove ers of its cruisers. that many of the elections had been gained

were entrasted with the command of cruisers

it is impossible to do if the line runs up charity. Corruption at elections is, we fear, of it was won by a man who went to the Portland Canal, for Fortland Canal ter- an outward and visible sign of corruption in minates before it reaches latitude 58 °. But many parts of the body politic. the channel running northwards from the

> A LOYAL BRITISH SUBJECT. There are many in Canada who question eration

the loyalty of our French Canadian fellow The boom is still on. Very little attersubjects. They declare that the French tion is paid to the warnings of the cautions. Commissioners is to find the true line, and have never been reconciled to British dom- They are very likely attributed to envy by ination. What grounds they have for this the successful speculators and those who assertion it is difficult to conjecture, for the have not been successful are not as yet con-French Canadians, both in old Canada and vinced that large gains for all who have put in the Maritime Provinces, have been loyal their money in "Kaff.rs" is an impossicitizens, co-operating with their fellow sub- bility. The boom fever while it is raging jects of British extraction in performing the blinds men to everything that does not tell public du les of self-governing colonists in favor of the success of their favorite enterheartily and even enthusiastically. They prises. We wonder if the time will even

stantinople, used some very strong language opportunities they afford for advancing with favor by British investors. We see with respect to the Armenian outrages. He public interests and gratifying laudable that Mr. Clive Phillips Wolley and Mr. W. has urgently requested the Sultan to insti- private ambition as readily, as their fellow- C. Prescott, have through the Times, directed tute reforms in Armenia. He, too, has been countrymen of other nationalities. There the attention of British capitalists to British careful to let not only the British nation but is, in fact, no reason to believe that the Columbia's mineral wealth and to the prothe whole civilized world know what are his French Canadian section of the population gress that has been made in developing it. opinions and his intentions with regard to of Canada is not composed of men who are, It is to be hoped that their praiseworthy Armenia. He is ostensibly backed up by both by conviction and by inclination, as efforts will meet with the success they so

good subjects of Queen Victoria as there are well deserve. Who knows but that before The Sultan has listened to Lord Salis- to be found in this Dominion. And if we very long fortune will smile on this province, protested a little, though if he has it has Canadians say we must conclude that they so pluckily, in the face of many discouragebeen very gently. But he has done nothing. are as a people well satisfied with the ments, proving in a practical way that its

> COMPULSORY ARBITRATION. A good deal has been said about computsory arbitration, but no one has yet shown that it is practical or even possible. The Portland Oregonian of the 23rd has the fol-The impossibility of compulsory arbitracompulsory, but voluntary, arbitration

eminence in the world that Roman citizen. it may almost be said there is no such thing A man had but to say that he was a Roman citizen for the shackles to fall and for him to ation in every corner of the world, and he knew that wherever he went, in whatever part of the globe his commercial instincts of the globe his com personal inclinations led him, he commanded the protection of the most powerful navy in work, the Government cannot make him do the world. Further than this French Can- it, and so compulsory arbitration, having a

adians' recognize as the British cradle of hold only on one side, falls to the ground. government they enjoyed. Underlying all except for its own work, and then it is optional with the workmen whether they count of an appreciation of the advantages will work for those wages or not. Despotic It confers, is a loving attachment on the Governments can and do force men to work part of her French-speaking subjects to the for fixed wages, or for no wages at all; but Henry K. Worthington's Steam Pumps. person of the Queen, the most noble mon those are despotic Governments, and their arch who ever fitted a throne, a Queen they methods are impossible in a republic. It is a little curious that this difficulty, which nust forever prevent this device from becoming the great panacea for labor troubles many have professed to see in it, has been by them so persistently ignored or put aside. The only explanation is that its towards the development of the natural resources of the country.

There may be some who will say that in effect merely a punishment of capital ; an Mr. Beausoleil did not mean what he said. essentially socialistic scheme to take from It might be supposed that the officials who by corrupt practices, when the by-elections This is not either a charitable or a sensible had and never will have. way of judging a public speaker. It cannot



the public, his agents or the authorities. even in the face of the direct statements of him that hath and give to him that never How the Big O. & O. Steamship Was the vessel was wholly inexcusable. the passengers that the beaching of **Bun** Ashore in the Clear ways hitherto epicyed the reputation of a courteous, careful, reliable and competent officer, his conduct on the present occasion seems all the more remarkable. He has always had a special dread of Passengers Unite in Laying the Blame the Japanese coast, however, and has on more than one occasion expressed the conviction that his fate would eventually give him a grave in the breakers that thunder on these same treacherous rocks. The scene of A strange tale of the sea is that told by the grounding is but a few yards beyond the Japanese p pers received by the Em. where the lokyo Maru came to grief not two years ago and opposite the point on press yesterday, regarding the stranding of which the Pacific Mail steamer City of where the Tokyo Maru came to grief not the O. & O. steamer Belgic at the entrance Tokyo met her fate. Had the Belgic been under slow steam at the time of her striking the explanation that the currents swung her on shore might have been put forward; she caused the disaster is a question, the solu was, however, kept on full speed ahead, tion of which is extremely difficult, and even when the unbroken coast-line loomed before her like a grim wall, and what ex-planation Captain Walker will make to his owners and the public when he does unseal For evening dresses creped effects will be the storm had subsided, and neither wind in vogue this winter and Persian colorings are in great demand. A sample piece of such crepe brought out here, just sufficient for a gown, was promptly purchased by one Sunosaki. To the surprise of the passen. of our young matrons and it is so lovely that gers familiar with the country they were in it merits a description. It shows a unique a few minutes confronted instead by a design quite indescribable in an odd purplishrugged, surf-beaten coast, plainly visible in pink shade, intermingled with tones the pale moonlight and to which the vessel green and yellowish white on a dead white was making direct and at full speed. gown. This is to be made over a deliciously on the pretty pale shade of mauve taffeta. Rare lace will trim the bodice and orchids matchthought of danger even among the ing the pinkish tone will appear on one passengers until at 8.30 p.m. the Belgic shoulder and at the waist line. The skirt rounded-bumped-then erashed bow on will be quite plain in the exterior, but many pon the shore and slowly swung round frills of lavender and green sinks will adorn the inside.



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advocates, or at least many of them, have had in mind an arbitration in name that is



employed in such duty as the Rush has been Grit candidates were rejected. Those be denied that what he said is true, and doing, would be men of experience and by elections added greatly to the Gov. since it is true the presumption is that the proved discretion. Seizing the vessels of a ernment's majority. We find now man who uttered it was perfectly sincere. foreign nation in the pursuit of their lawful that the Grits did not benefit by the very Besides Mr. Beausoleil is an able and vocation is very delicate and might be severe lesson they were then obliged to an exceedingly intelligent man, and it often been accused of "drawing the long vocation is very delicate and might be dangerous work. International disputes which have had a very serious ending have sembly was held not long ago in Kingston. An exceedingly intelligent man, and it is only reasonable to couchede that such a man is quite alive to the advantages of liv-ers. Even the business men of British Colgrown out of acts less important and less The candidate of the Mowat Government ing under the British fisg. He knows that umbia, or a majority of them, outside of offensive than that of Captain Hooper in was the Hon. Mr. Harty, who had been apse'zing a vessel on the high seas on no better pointed Commissioner of Public Works.

"THE PARTY OF PURITY."

grounds than the shadow of a suspicion.

NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH.

It is not a little singular that none of our the Grits. But their rejoicings did not last American contemporaries can discuss the long. The election was protested against "Alaska Boundary" without suppressing on the ground of bribery. When the case the truth in some important particulars. came into court Mr. Harty's counsel, seeing The Seattle Times, undertaking to correct that the evidence of wholesale bribery some mistakes made by the Boston Advertiser, says : " The treaty of 1825 says that was so strong, gave up the contest. the boundary starts at the southern end of They voluntarily admitted that corrupt practices had been carried on during the Prince of Wales island and runs up Portland campaign to such an extent as to vitiate the Canal. Whether this canal is what is called election. Here is the humiliating confession on the map by that name or is Behm Canal, which Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., considered it as the British Columbia Government seems necessary to make : disposed to claim, the treaty specifically S. H. Blake, Q.C., counsel for the re

gives the boundary a second starting point spondent, arose to make a statement. He on the Mainland. Our ingenious contemporary leaves out a that can be sustained I think there are other very important word -- a word that is easily charges that can be proven which would

understood and one of such significance as, vacate the seat. it seems to us, to make further dispute un behalf of the respondent must be carefully necessary. That word is "northwards" framed and must be such as to fully justify ("du nord"). The treaty describing the our report, namely, that there is reason to starting point—the southern end of Prince of Wales Island, now called Cape Chacon— practices are of such a nature and of such an states that the line runs northwards. New extent that they must have affected the reif this direction is followed as it must be the sult of the election. If we, and not the line cannot by any possibility run near Portand Canal. To reach Portland Canal it would judgment. We must have something to have to run a considerable distance-eighty show that corrupt practices prevailed of south of east. Now, why did the Times present case. leave out the word "northwards," and proseed to say jauntily "and runs up Portsimple, for if northwards had been inserted, as it ought to have been, the sentence would and of such an extent as might reasonably have been geographically sheer nonsense, be supposed to have affected the election." for by running from Cape Chacon northfurther from Portland Canal. But the and upwards. This is how the party of church mouse, has netted \$100,000,000. Dr.

word northwards, or its equivalent in purity carry on elections in Ontario. And Chauncey Depew, who has just returned French, is in the treaty of 1825 plain enough it must be remembered that the candidate from Europe, said to an interviewer in New and in the proper connection, and what is to be elected by such corrupt means was to York : the good of being blind to it or refraining be a member of a Government that the peo-

WEALTH OF KOOTENAY.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The press and residents of Kootenay have a man of French extraction living in a Brit- Kootenay, have failed to grasp the situation. ish Colony is under no disabilities whatever. The result is that the degree of development He is as free as any man living in Canada. the assistance and energy of foreign capital, The Government, as is natural to suppose, strained every nerve to get their man re-

All the avenues to advancement, public and principally American, which, quick to returned, and they succeeded. His majority private, are as open to him as they are to cognize an opportunity, got a foothold here was 482. This was a brilliant victory for any other man in the Dominion, whatever doubting Thomases. But this state of affairs his origin or his religion may be. There is is not likely to continue much longer. The no public position that he may not aspire visit of the board of trade delegates will to. It is no wonder that he is satisfied with open the eyes of our own people to the ophis position as a British subject and that he portunities for investment which await is ready on a fitting occasion to express his and as a result, it is to be hoped that before satisfaction. The wonder would be if he long we will be free from the reproach of were diseatisfied, and if he had been so unleaving the development of our country, reasonable and so prejudiced as to have conand the profits accruing therefrom, almost exclusively in the hands of strangers. The

tracted a dislike to British institutions. A BIG BOOM

South Africa is just now in high favor with British capitalists. South African mining and other stock is in high request in

said : "While there is no personal charges London. Millions of pounds of English OWNEY, the much travelled postal service money have been invested in South African dog of the United States, has reached mining ventures. The French and Ger-Yokohama on a tour around the globe, Mr. Justice Osler-"The admission o which it is expected he will complete in less mans, too, have been making South Africa a field of investment. The way in which marks enough to his credit to fill sev than six months with glory and date stamp stocks have appreciated there within the eral trunks. Owney's history since he believe that corrupt practices have prelast few months has been something sur-the mail cars is a last few months has been something sur-prising. We learn from Bradstreet's, which to the children of the North American is a good authority on such subjects, that continent, but though he has twice visited the value of the shares of a group of South Europe he has never before ventured to counsel, are to be the judges in this case we African enterprises consisting of eight mining must have something on which to base our are to be the present occasion. He had just recompanies and three trust or financial turned to Tacoma from Alaska when strolconcerns was a few months ago £11,935, ling down to the wharf one day he betrayed er ninety miles —east, or rather a little such a character as to void an election in 000. These same shares are now quoted considerable interest in one of the Chinese which the majority was so large as in the at £25,400,000. This is a great jump in so short a time. The appreciation has here cl2 500 000 ar corridorable most the Mr. Blake-" I will make that admission land Canal," The reason to us is very shorthand writer: We admit that corrupt 100 per cent. This means big fortunes for P. & O. liner. The mail clerk of the latter practices prevailed extensively at the elec-

lucky speculators. The reader will not be surion, and that they were of such a nature prised to learn that in South Africa stupendous fortunes have been made. One man, who is a remarkable dog. There were 170 charges of bribery, and rejoices in the name of "Barney," who was wards the line would be going further and votes were bought for five dollars apiece the other day, so to speak, as poor as a

A curious survival of foreign customs among the lower class of emigrants to this continent is seen in the Russian Jew settlements in the east end of New York, where

The excitement in South Africa.

bendary line between Alaska and British boundary line between Alaska and British bound ? Then by running northwards through the body of water east, of Prince of Wales haland you reach the other point not so very haland you reach the treaty, which

Moonlight. of the Accident on Captain Walker.

to the Gulf of Toyo on the bright moonlight evening of Sunday the 8th inst. What which even now seems no neaver explanation than on the night it happened. Rough weather had prevailed along the treacherous his lips it is difficult to imagine. them in the mineral wealth of Kootenay, Japan coast for upwards of a week, but

when the Belgic passed Mela ledge proper nor sea threatened the safety of the ship. After passing Cape King her course lay advocates of Kootenay as a field for investlue west in order to clear the point of nent find entire justification in the speech of D. R. Ker, of Victoria, president of the B. C. Board of Trade, at the banquet tendered the delegates at Nelson, and it makes one almost feel like exclaiming "I told you Captin Walker was himself

bridge and in command, and no one proadside to the sea.

Then for a few moments confusion reigned, the excitement being intensified by the tragic death of Second Officer Beckman during the lowering of one of the boats which he was commissioned to take ashore. The fatality was witnessed by practically all on board, though no one could stretch out a hand to save-so suddenly was poor Beckman shaken from the boat and carried away by the sea. The vessel was at this time within a stone's throw of shore, though between the current was running with terrific speed, and both wind and sea were rising. When at last the boat was lowered Purser Niswander and two of the passengers-one European and case Jap will in his turn see that he gets safely anese-volunteered to risk their lives aboard of one of the New York steamers at and execute Captain Walker's com Liverpool, en route for home. Truly Owney mand to telegraph for assistance from the Yokohama office of the company. They succeeded in making a landing with consid-

erable difficulty, and their message from Takyama was the first intimation had in okohama as to the disaster. The cabin passengers, fifteen in number,

were the next day taken safely to Yoko they most do congregate. The women hama by the steamer Restless which also among these people shave off their hair when transferred to port the mails and specie they are married and put on a wig, which carried by the Belgic. At last accounts the

BIRTH.

RTER-In this city, at 89 Herald street, on 24th inst., the wife of A. J. Porter, of a son.

MARRIED.

SOMERVILLE KAFE-On Sep. 16. at Kelowna, B. C., at the residence of Edwin Weddell, Esq., by the Rev. G. A. Wilcon, B. A., Samuel Somerville, of Vernom (formerly of Victoria), to Mary, eldest daughter of Ber-nard Kafe, Esq., of Kincardine, Ontario. OLSON. WILSON.-AL SL, Mark's, Salt Spring Is, land, on the 15th September, by Rev. J. F. Wilson, father of the bride, Evelyn Grace Wilson, to Charles W. Toison, of Ganges-Harbor.

CLARKE-GATES-In Scattle, on 18th inst., by Rev. G. H. Watson, R. W. Clarke, of Vic-toria, to. Ids Charlotte Gates, daughtes of Frederick Gates, of Salinas City, Cal. No cards.

DIED,

HAYWARD-At Kamloops, B.C., on the 24th instant, Charles, eldest son of Charles and Sarah Hayward, of this city, aged 31 years. Sarah Rayward, of this bay, ages a func-McINTOSH-At No 9 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, on the 8th inst., suddenly, Mathew P. M. McIntosh, Engineer, aged 48, brother of F. H. P. McIntosh, of this city.

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