

A NEIGHBORLY RULING

Handsme Return Made by Washington for the Freedom of the Canadian Gold Fields.

Seattle Traffic Offered to Victoria Vessels Causes a Remarkable Decision.

All-Canadian Route the Only Avenue of Escape From Petty Official Annoyance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Acting Secretary Spaulding today decided in a case presented by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., that the transportation of American freight from Seattle or other American ports consigned for Alaska, via Victoria, Vancouver or Nanaimo and at those ports transferred to British vessels, is a violation of American coasting laws, and subjects the merchandise to forfeiture. General Spaulding today said:

"This measure is one of several in course of preparation by the treasury which seems to be called for by recent events and new conditions to protect and develop American interests in the Pacific and Alaska.

"The act of 1893, under which this ruling is made, is as follows: 'No merchandise shall be transported under penalty of forfeiture thereof from one point of the United States to another point of the United States in a vessel belonging wholly or in part to a subject of any foreign power.'

THE EAST SNOWBOUND.

Montreal Streets Almost Impassable and All Trains Delayed.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—(Special)—One of the biggest snowstorms witnessed in Montreal for years commenced yesterday and continued all day, and to-day the streets are almost impassable owing to the heavy snowfall. The storm demoralized street car traffic, and incoming railway trains are late.

KIAOCHOU AN OPEN PORT.

Germany to Respect the British Contention for Equal Trading Privileges There.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The Times says editorially this morning: "We are glad to learn from various trustworthy and mutually independent sources that the terms of Germany's intention to open Kiaochou to the world's commerce are well founded. If this decision is maintained, Kiaochou will possibly become a great, busy and flourishing port of the world's trade north of Hongkong. The wisdom of the decision cannot be doubted. It will tend to improve the unnecessarily strained relations between Germany and England. It is to be hoped that other nations will follow Germany's example, and that the Far Eastern question may be thereby greatly simplified."

THE TROOPS FOR EGYPT.

Is the King of Abyssinia Who Proposes to Make the Trouble Guarded Against.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—As usual there are all sorts of explanations of the sudden rush of British troops to Egypt, except to fight one. What really seems to be happened is that Col. Parsons has been ordered to take over Kassala from the Italians, found King Menelik of Abyssinia in the greatest state of wrath at the surrender of the town (which his Majesty regarded as the result of the agreement), and that the British army with the intention of asserting authority. If the King should be suspected, in concert with the Italian, the danger of the situation is greatly enhanced, especially if there is any truth in the stories which are leaking out just now of the existence of a disaffection among General Sir Herbert Kitchener's Sudanese (who are real soldiers), and the reported lack of back-bone shown by the Egyptians during the operations.

RECIPROCITY OUT OF SIGHT.

Washington Has Put Aside for the Present Any Hope of an Arrangement With Canada.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Reciprocity negotiations continue to proceed in a manner satisfactory to the officials, but there is no present prospect that agreements will be concluded in the near future. The British negotiations as to reciprocity with the West Indies have been advanced as a result of several recent meetings between Sir Julian Pauncefote and Commissioner Kaseen. The basis of change has been formulated, but the lack of an agreement has not been made. The ambassador expects to have a few days much valuable material on the several colonies bearing on the matter likely to be brought to the attention of the negotiators. The negotiations are restricted to the West Indian colonies, the plan of Canadian reciprocity being put aside for the present. Hopes are still expressed for some general arrangement can be made by which the commission will deal with all Canadian questions, including reciprocity but also the Behring matter. At present there are no negotiations in that direction, although it is said that they may be reported.

Mr. Davin Travels.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 24.—(Special)—N. F. Vin, M.P., left to-day for Montreal and Ottawa.

Bidding for Population.

St. John, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Premier Ferguson, of New Brunswick, is contending with the Beaver steamship line about directing immigration to New Brunswick. It is hoped to get Scandinavians to take up crown lands.

THE "MAINE'S" MISSION.

Though ordered to Havana She is Not to Make Trouble for Spain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Minister Delome called at the state department about 3 o'clock in pursuit of information concerning the Maine. He asked and was freely permitted to see the orders to Admiral Sigsbee directing the Maine to proceed to Havana. The Maine has joined the North Atlantic squadron, and for this reason all orders to her go through Admiral Sigsbee. The fact that the Spanish minister was shown the orders is regarded as an indication that there is nothing of a threatening or bellicose nature in them.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

Their Fleets in Eastern Waters Keeping Watch on Each Other's Movements.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Nagasaki, Japan, says: "The British and Russian squadrons are strictly watching each other's movements."

"When the British battleship Centurion, flagship of the squadron, left Nagasaki yesterday (Sunday), she was shadowed by the Russian gunboat Sivuchov. The Japanese fleet is still at Yokosuka, but is expected to sail shortly for the Philippines. No serious developments are looked for."

DAMAGES FOR HYPNOTISM.

Toronto Jury Finds Against a Citizen Charged With Injuring Using the Influence.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—(Special)—The jury who heard the action for damages brought against R. Noble for alleged use of hypnotic influence on the girl Lucy Dudley, found damages for the girl of \$800 for her father of \$1000. Noble proposed to assert by hypnotism the girl whether or not she had any knowledge of a theft of goods from his house and the hypnotism is said to have seriously injured the girl.

THE FRENCH HUBBUB.

The House Continues to Vote Confidence in the Government—Germany Disclaims Connection With Dreyfus.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The chamber of deputies was thronged at this afternoon's session. M. De Beauregard protested against the treatment accorded the chamber on Saturday saying it recalled the coups d'etat of December 1857 and of November 1870. (Prolonged murmurs.) The deputy further complained of the intervention of the troops on Saturday. The president of the chamber explained that those who were charged to clear the tribune met with resistance and thought it their duty to call out the guards. M. Jaures, the socialist leader, most emphatically declared that he never had been relations of any kind between German representatives or agents and Dreyfus. Continuing, the minister said that the story of the waste paper basket incident at the German embassy in Paris and the finding therein of compromising documents affecting Dreyfus, was a sheer invention. He added that the Dreyfus affair had not affected in the slightest the calm relations between the German and French governments. The speaker knew nothing of the visit of Dreyfus to the Reichstag, and still less of the alleged facilities given Dreyfus by German officials during his alleged visit.

Baron Von Bulow prefaced his declaration by saying he could only speak with extreme caution as otherwise his words might be represented as an interference in French affairs, and he thought there was no reason for enjoying the reserve since it might be expected that light would be thrown upon the affair by the proceedings initiated in France itself.

MR. GREENWAY'S SCHEME.

He Will Have to Modify His Plans and Have His Road Run Through Canadian Territory.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The Tribune intimated editorially this evening that owing to strong Eastern opposition to his Duluth railway project, Premier Greenway would probably construct the line entirely through Canadian territory, and endeavor to secure assistance from the Dominion and Ontario governments. Premier Greenway, interviewed to-night, said the paper had not been authorized to make the statement, and no official announcement regarding the railway would be made until the meeting of the legislature, which would probably be in March.

"My Life Despaired Of."

These are the words of Mrs. Wm. Burton of Dartmouth, Ont., after doctors had pronounced her dead and she had taken every known heart remedy. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave relief in almost shorter time than it takes to tell it—it worked a wonderful cure in a case of long standing and to-day she says: "I am a well woman." Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart has no equal in the world where it did not give relief inside of 30 minutes.

For Sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak freely of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL. CHINESE CONCESSIONS.

The British Preference Extended to the Full to All the Little Nations.

Mr. Heinze's Properties Again Before the C. P. R.—The Stickline Route Survey.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—It is reported here that F. A. Heinze, of Roseland, is desirous of opening negotiations with the C.P.R. for the purchase of his smelter at Trail and railway to Roseland. Mr. Heinze wanted \$1,300,000; and the C.P.R. as already reported offered him \$800,000.

The new trial of Mrs. Sternman has been fixed by the Minister of Justice to take place in May before Judge Robertson.

Mr. Scarth, deputy minister of agriculture, has gone to Washington to study the workings of the patent office with a view to the reorganization of the Canadian patents branch.

The department of customs has decided to allow a refund of the duty paid on products from Liberia, Spain, Salvador, Tonga and the South African Republic since the preferential tariff took effect on April 22 last. As, with the exception of Spain, Canada does not import much from these countries, the amount of refund will not be great.

Engineer Jennings report on the Stickline-Teslin route states that there is little road for horses, hence it will be necessary for parties Yukon bound to take a plentiful supply for the animals.

The department of customs has decided that cards, portfolios, pasteboard boxes or other coverings containing samples of cloth edgings, textile fabrics, buttons of various patterns and other articles, being representatives of goods, and obviously intended for use only as samples to sell by, and having no commercial value, may be admitted free of duty.

The term "no commercial value" does not apply to portfolios, boxes or other coverings, used in playing samples, which are susceptible of being adapted to other use. Samples such as are carried by commercial travelers, together with trunks and other "packages" containing the same, are dutiable, excepting such as are of no commercial value.

WORKED THE MASONS.

How a Tacoma Convict Has Imposed on the Brotherhood for Years.

TACOMA, Jan. 25.—George Fleming, who has just been convicted and sent to the State penitentiary at Walla Walla to serve two and a half years for obtaining money under false pretences, has made a confession which, if not corroborated by more than 100 letters from different Masonic lodges in the United States and Canada, would be received with incredulity. Fleming is a bona fide Mason, yet so skillfully has he applied himself that he has been complimented by past grand masters on his knowledge of masonry. By his own admissions he lived for years on money obtained under false pretences from Masons, the amounts varying from ten dollars to several hundreds.

PREAK WEATHER.

Snow, Thunder and Lightning, Rain and Tidal Wave in One Day.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—A severe storm, attended by unusual phenomena, passed over New England yesterday, causing heavy rains in the southeastern portion, ten to twelve inches of snow in Maine and New Hampshire, and lightning and rain in the extreme northeast, and practically a tidal wave on the coast of Cape Cod to Portland.

Prominent Californian Dies.

AUBURN, Jan. 24.—Charles F. Reed, one of the most prominent men in California's history, died here yesterday. He came to Auburn in '49, was prominent politically, and at one time was a wheat farmer of California, but retired from the stock board when he lost a million in the wheat deal of 1885. After that his attention to mining was exclusive.

A Winnipeg Fire.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The premises occupied by Osterman, fruiter, and Osenbrugg, furrier, were badly damaged by fire last night. Loss about \$1,500.

The Britannia Sailed.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Mr. John Lawson Johnston, of Kingwood, Kent, has sold the racing cutter Britannia, formerly the property of the Prince of Wales, to Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, the millionaire speculator.

Elevator Accident.

HAMILTON, Jan. 25.—(Special)—Peter Hamilton, of Peterboro, fell down an elevator in the warehouse of Wood, Walton & Co. and died from the effects.

A Live Topic.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Frank Oliver, member for Alberta, will address a meeting on the Yukon before the board of trade here on Saturday night.

HAVE YOU A SKIN TROUBLE?

Have You Tried Ninety-Nine Remedies and Still Suffer? Dr. Agnew's Ointment is the One in a Hundred That Never Fails, and Only 35 Cents.

For scald head and eczema in the baby, tetter, itch, ulcers and other skin eruptions in older people Dr. Agnew's Ointment is the peerless and never-failing cure. One application relieves the skin distress in a trice. A few days' treatment effects a permanent cure. Cures piles in from three to five nights.

For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Waterproof mackinaws with or without hood. B. Williams & Co.

EPPE'S COCOA

ENGLISH BREAKFAST COCOA

Possesses the following Distinctive Merits:

DELICACY OF FLAVOR. SUPERIORITY IN QUALITY. GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING TO THE NERVOUS OR DYSPYPTIC. NUTRITIVE QUALITIES UNRIVALLED.

In Quarter-Pound Tins only. Prepared by JAMES EPPE & CO., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.

NEWFOUNDLAND SHIPPING.

Newcastle Ship Puts In Distress—A Glasgow Sealer—The Parkmore.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 24.—The steamer Picton, Captain Payne, 22 days from Newcastle, England, for Newport News, in ballast, arrived here to-day with her main steamship burst. She reports meeting very severe weather. A quantity of ballast on deck broke adrift and nearly caused her to founder. She met a large ice floe about 150 miles off the coast.

The steamer Algerian has arrived here from Glasgow, via Liverpool, to prosecute seal fishing.

The departure of the steamer Parkmore, Captain Evans, will be postponed several days longer for repairs to her bulkheads.

The worst snowstorm in years is now raging in this section; it is stopping trains, blocking the coast with ice and preventing all navigation. A whole fleet of vessels is now ice-bound at this port.

ANTHAGENA, Jan. 24.—The British schooner Grace Carter, from St. John's, Nfld., before reported, arrived here with spars damaged. The vessel is also strained and in a leaky condition.

A SIMPLE CATARRH CURE

I have spent nearly fifty years in the treatment of Catarrh and have effected more cures than any specialist in the history of medicine. As I must soon retire from active life, I will from this time on, send the means of treatment and cure as used in my practice, Free and post-paid to every reader of this paper who writes to me in this month, dangerous and disgusting disease. This is a sincere offer which anyone is free to accept. Address: PROFESSOR J. A. LAWRENCE, 114 West 34th St., New York.

FREE

Let us send you a Free Trial Package pleasant and harmless medicine that will give you the spot and quickly cure you of Catarrh, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Kidney Troubles, Liver Complaint, Rheumatism and all Blood Diseases. It cures nine people out of ten. Address: EGYPTIAN DRUG CO., Form 30, New York.

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To turn over a New Leaf!

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New Year's Resolution

FOR ALL

Weak and Nervous Men:

"I will make a determined effort to regain my manhood, to be restored to perfect health and vigor. IT IS NOW OR NEVER!"

HOW TO REGAIN VIGOR.

Health and manhood is fully told in an interesting little book which should be read by every thinking man. The book is entitled "No 'Electric Belt' nonsense, no 'free prescription' fake, no C.O.D. humbug, no quackery, but an Honest Book, by an Honest Doctor. Mailed Free in plain envelope, securely sealed, if this paper is mentioned. Address the author: G. H. BOWEN, 114 West 34th St., New York, Detroit, Mich. Established 1874.

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JOHN JAMESON & SONS' (DUBLIN) "OWN CASED" Very Old BLACK BOTTLE WHISKY.

Please see you get it with

One Star BLUE One Star PINK Two Star GOLD Three Star GOLD

OF ALL DEALERS.

Sole Export Bottling Agents to J. & S. C. DAY & CO., LONDON, ENGLAND.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE.

Vice-Chancellor Sir W. P. W. Wood stated publicly in court that Dr. J. Collis Browne was a man of high character and integrity, and that the whole story of the defendant Freeman was a libelous and untrue story.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE is a certain cure for Cholera, Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Colic, etc.

CAUTION—None genuine without the words "Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne" on the stamp. Overwhelming medical testimony is given by the following: J. T. DAVENPORT, 38 Great Russell Street, London, W. Sold at 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d., 5s. 6d., 10s. 6d.

DAILY COLONIST, 20 cts. a week, delivered.

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Dated 29th September, 1897. J. M. YORKE, 1024

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"Green Mountain" and "Happy John No. IV" Mineral Claims

Situate on the West side of Alberni canal, about 14 miles north of Campbell River, in the Alberni Mining Division, Alberni District. The following:—Commencing at a post marked R.C., being the southeast corner of the above tract, thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.

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LAST CHANCE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situated in Alberni District, on the Left Bank of Mineral Creek, and Adjoining the Quadra Mining Division, Alberni District. The following:—Commencing at a post marked R.C., being the southeast corner of the above tract, thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.

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