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# FRANCE ALONE

Is Willing That China Should Concede Manchuria to Russia.

OTHER POWERS STRENUOUSLY OBJECT

And Li Hung Chang Says the Proposition Is Off.

RUSSIA OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED.

Schemes to Tax China to Pay Indemnity Now Proposed—Principal Debt 30,000,000 Pounds.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]  
Pekin, April 4, via Skagway, April 9.—All the powers except France have strenuously objected to the concession of Manchuria to Russia by China and the latter government has officially notified Russia that it is unable to make the concession owing to the attitude of the other nations. The official notification says it is China's desire to keep on friendly terms with all nations.

Li Hung Chang says this will settle the matter of ceding Manchuria to Russia for all time to come, although Prince Chang says Li Hung Chang was the only Chinaman in the kingdom not opposed to it all along.

Foreign ministers here are now considering proposals by experts of schemes whereby China can raise money for the payment of the indemnity which will be required. Sir Robert Hart, director of the maritime customs, has a scheme which by the levy of certain taxes would in 40 years time pay off the whole principal debt of £30,000,000, but the indemnity demanded will likely be a much greater amount.

### The Civil List.

London, April 4, via Skagway, April 9.—The report of the committee on the civil list recommends that the amount be fixed at £470,000, an increase of £67,000 over the previous list.

### Senatorship for Gofbout.

Ottawa, April 4, via Skagway, April 9.—It is reported that Gofbout, the member from Beauce, will get the senatorship from Quebec made vacant by the death of Paquette.

### To Kill the Czar.

London, April 4, via Skagway, April 9.—A special message from Vienna says an officer of the guard entered the czar's study and fired a revolver at him. The czar was not hit and, realizing what he had done, the officer committed suicide. The story is doubted here.

### Stewart River Steamers.

Capt. E. J. Smyth is at the Occidental hotel, having come up from Victoria on the Amur. He is the manager of the Stewart River Company, which is to operate steamers on the Stewart this season. He brought with him the woodwork of a knockdown river boat and a crew to put it together at Whitehorse. The material was being made ready for shipment yesterday and will go out in a day or so. The workmen will accompany it and immediately upon its arrival at Whitehorse start to putting the hull together. The machinery and boilers will come up on the Danube the trip after the next one, and it is planned to have the hull ready for their reception at that time. With this end in view everything possible to expedite the work was done before coming north.

The steamer, which will be known as the Prospector, will be 110 feet long over all and 22 feet beam. She is designed to be one of the speediest as well as the lightest draught steamboats on the Yukon or tributaries. Capt. Smyth, in addition to acting as general

manager, will command the Prospector. Talking with a reporter at the hotel, Capt. Smyth said:

"The Stewart river country, as regards mining, is showing up very satisfactorily, and we all look forward to a good season's work. The diggings on Clear, Lost and McQuesten creeks, which are all branches of the Stewart, have in the past been good producers, and this year are expected to yield even larger than before. There are other tributaries expected to be favorably heard from during the year.

"Stewart river, besides mining, has other industries which afford considerable business for steamboats. Quite a large amount of tame hay, chiefly barley and oat straw, was put up in the valley last year, and more will be marketed from there this season. This goes largely to Dawson. Then there are the logging and wood interests, which require many men. Considering all these things, we of that vicinity think we have good reasons to expect a fine year commercially."

The company with which Mr. Smyth is connected will operate two boats on the Stewart river this year, but these are only a nucleus of a large fleet which it will put on as traffic demands. The Quick, one of the boats, is now below Dawson in winter quarters, and about a month ago Capt. Whidden went in to get her ready for traffic. He will be in command of her. Capt. Smyth is an old timer on the Stewart, having operated the first regular line of boats on it. The concern of which he is now the head is composed of Dawson business men. He has never been connected with the Canadian Development Company, as has been published.—Alaskan.

## RELIC OF SWIFTWATER

Property on His Quartz Concession in Police Court.

While Swiftwater Bill is outside galivanting up and down the face of the earth, first with one Lamore sister, then with another, and next with another, and so on, all through the Lamore family, his property on Quartz creek concession No. 1 is being "fit and fout" over in court. Some time ago on complaints filed by Adair Bros. and a man named Davis, Sheriff Eilbeck seized under writ of attachment the concession of "Swift" and everything thereon including a lot of wood. Edward Russ claimed the wood was owned by him and was not the property of Swiftwater or was it any part of the concession, therefore he proceeded to haul a portion of it away for which act he was brought before Magistrate Scarth this morning. Russ evidently knew what he was doing when he hauled the wood as he justified his act by the testimony of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell. The case was dismissed.

### Curing a Hiccough.

Mr. Smithkin had heard that a sure cure for hiccough was a severe fright. One evening, smoking at his fireside after supper, he was taken with a hiccough, which continued in spite of all his efforts to check it.

Presently he got up suddenly from his chair and called out in alarm to Mrs. Smithkin:

"I've lost my watch! I've lost my watch!"

Mrs. Smithkin hastened into the room.

"John, dear," she said, "what do you mean? Why, you haven't done any such thing. Here's your watch all right in your waistcoat pocket."

"Don't you think I know that?" said Mr. Smithkin. "I was just giving myself a severe fright, you know, to stop the hiccough."—Ex.

### Aggravating the Offense.

The absurdity of many of the common forms of speech comes upon us at times with something like a shock.

A man who was making his way into a crowded omnibus with considerably more haste than was necessary trod roughly upon the toes of a woman passenger.

"I beg a thousand pardons, ma'am."

"The original offense was bad enough," she replied, "without asking me to issue a thousand pardons for it. I will grant you just one pardon, sir."

There was a general titter as he sat down, and he did not step on anybody's toes when he went out.—Youth's Companion.

### Culture Asserts Itself.

Mrs. Watson—Why did you leave your last place?

Would Be Governess—I haven't had my last place yet, I presume. My latest position was in Boston, and I left there because the family unwisely decided to move to Chicago.—Somerville Journal.

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## ARE STILL MARRIED

Notwithstanding Their Personal Wishes in the Case.

Montreal, April 3, via Skagway, April 8.—Justice Archibald has at last handed down a judgment in the famous Delpit marriage case which declares that the Roman Catholic church has no power to declare null and void marriages contracted by two Catholics when the ceremony is performed by a Protestant clergyman. He declares the Delpit marriage was legal and binding and the laws of Quebec do not state what religion a clergyman must have to perform such marriage. The Delpits who are anxious to have the marriage tie severed, will appeal to the privy council of England.

### Census Takers Are Out.

Ottawa, April 1, via Skagway, April 8.—Eight thousand census takers started out today to take the census of the Dominion.

### Summer Rates.

Seattle, April 3, via Skagway, April 8.—The Alaska Steamship Association and Traffic Manager Lee of the White Pass & Yukon Route, have agreed on through summer passenger rates between Seattle and Dawson as follows: First-class, \$105; first-class continuous trip, \$100; second-class, \$80. This is a reduction of \$35 from the schedule of last year.

## CHANGE OF VENUE

To Nome Is Asked in Homer Bird Murder Case.

Skagway, April 8.—The case of Homer Bird, charged with murder in the first degree, came up here this morning when a motion for a change of venue to Nome was made. The judge ruled that if a showing can be made that it will be less expensive, owing to the transportation of witnesses, to try the case at Nome, the motion will be granted. Otherwise it will be tried in this district and will probably come on for hearing at Juneau on the 10th of next September.

### Treachorous Boers.

Bloomfontein, April 3, via Skagway, April 9.—It is asserted here that the Boers tried and executed Dekoch, the peace envoy who carried the message from Gen. Dorrien to Botha on February 12th. He was charged with treason.

### Another Railroad.

Ottawa, April 3, via Skagway, April 8.—A bill has been introduced asking for permission to construct a railroad from Kamloops to Atlin.

## PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

Announcing Death of Honorable Benjamin Harrison.

Executive Mansion, Washington, March 14th, 1901.

To the People of the United States:

Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States from 1889 to 1893, died yesterday at 4:45 p. m., at his home in Indianapolis. In his death the country has been deprived of one of its greatest citizens. A brilliant soldier in his young manhood, he gained fame and rapid advancement by his energy and valor. As a lawyer he rose to be a leader of the bar. In the senate he at once took and retained high rank as an orator and legislator, and in the high office of president he displayed extraordinary gifts as administrator and statesman. In public and in private life he set a shining example for his countrymen.

In testimony of the respect in which his memory is held by the government and people of the United States, I do hereby direct that the flags on the executive mansion and the several department buildings be displayed at half staff for a period of 30 days; and that suitable military and naval honors, under the orders of the secre-

taries of war and of the navy, be rendered on the day of the funeral.

Done in the city of Washington, this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

By the President:

JOHN HAY,  
Secretary of State.

Department of State, Washington, March 14, 1901.

To the Departments and Consular Officers of the United States:

Gentlemen—Your attention is called to the president's proclamation of this date announcing the death of ex-President Benjamin Harrison and directing proper expression of honor to his memory.

You will cause the flags of your respective offices to be displayed at half staff on the reception of this circular and for a period of 30 days thereafter.

I am gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY,  
Secretary of State.

Copies of the above were received this morning by Vice-Consul H. Te Roller and the American flag over his office was at once lowered to half mast in which position it will remain for the next 30 days.

John Korbo is said to have sold 24 Gold Run for \$55,000 to an agent of Chute & Wills. The sale includes the dump, machinery and buildings as well as the mine.

A moose was killed on Montana creek recently by some miners, who in talking of the incident claim it was done in self-defense as the animal attacked them.

## CAPT. CHRIS. SONNICKSON

Succeeds Sheriff Eilbeck in the Steamboat Business.

The steamer Eldorado which was offered for sale today at public auction by Sheriff R. J. Eilbeck, was sold to Chris Sonnickson for \$500. Her twin sister, the Bonanza King, sold a week ago today for \$750. The Eldorado is on the Yukon above Selkirk and is said to be in fine shape for floating as soon as the river opens.

If there is a man in Dawson who will look well on the bridge of a "leviathan of the deep" it is Chris Sonnickson. The new owner has not yet announced his intentions as to whether he will put his steamer on the regular river run or keep her as a special packet for the accommodation of picnic parties.

### Quite an Industry.

New York, March 20.—The fisheries industry is one of great importance in the Dominion of Canada. The amount of capital invested in the industry last year exceeded that of the previous year by \$289,743, and 719 more men were engaged in the work. No less than 79,863 men were occupied in 1900 in exploiting the waters of Canada, using 5,500,760 fathoms of nets and other fishing gear, representing a capital of \$10,000,000.

The salmon preserving industry of British Columbia, comprising 69 canneries and representing a capital of \$1,380,000, gives employment to 18,977 hands.

The total catch of fish in Canada for the year 1890, as reported by the fisheries department, amounted to \$21,891,706, being an increase of \$2,250,000 over the yield of the previous year. The catch for the Province of Quebec was worth \$1,953,134, an increase over the preceding year of \$191,694.

The lobster plant alone is estimated to be worth \$1,334,180. It comprises 88 canneries, dispersed on the seaboard of the maritime provinces.

The sealing fleet last year numbered 37 vessels, an increase of 11 over the previous year and representing an aggregate of 2641 tons register. The total number of fur-seal skins taken by Canadian sealers during the year 1900 was 35,523.

This result is larger by 177 skins than that of 1899, which in its turn largely exceeded the catches of 1898 and 1897. Although the catch of 1900 is slightly in excess of that of 1899, the average catch per vessel would show a falling off if comparison were confined to these two specific years.

Manufactured sealskin goods have largely advanced in price in the Montreal market, and the profits of retail dealers are said to be very high. They can be purchased in the United States quite as cheaply as in Montreal, because retail dealers here are content with smaller profits.

So far as can be learned, there have been no complaints of transgressions of the law or regulations by the sealers last year; nor have any complications arisen through the application of the law affecting the business.

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## THE RIVER IS OPEN

For Fifteen Miles Below Lower Lebarge and Thaw Continues.

WEATHER WARM AT WHITEHORSE

Where the River Trail Is Going Rapidly.

STRONG CHINOOK IS BLOWING

Cutoff Trail in Bad Shape—Travel Easy Between Selkirk and Dawson.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A telegraphic report received this morning from the various stations along the upper river route shows that the trail is feeling the effects of the sun and in many places there is open water. While we have been experiencing exceedingly cold weather, for this time of the year, in Dawson, the weather has evidently been much milder at points farther up for the trail in many places is broken up and the hills are free from snow. The water is rising above and is overflowing along the shore. The reports from the various stations is as follows:

Bennett—Cloudy with a light south wind, temperature 30 above. There has been no trail on the lake this winter, but as far as can be seen the ice is yet solid.

Whitehorse—It is thawing very rapidly today, temperature 44 above. A chinook wind has been blowing from Skagway yesterday and today and the trail is going very rapidly, becoming almost impassable.

Lower Lebarge—The river is open for 15 miles below here, and the thaw continues to be very rapid under the influence of a high south wind. Temperature 44 above.

Five Fingers—Very mild today, strong south wind, with temperature 44 above. The river trail is in very good shape but the trail on the cut-off between Mackay's and Carmack's is in very bad condition in many places. Almost all the hills are bare.

Selkirk—Very mild today, 45 above with the trail still in good condition.

Selwyn—Very warm and thawing all morning. River trail still in good shape.

Stewart—Weather warm, 40 above. Trail still in good condition.

Ogilvie—Weather very warm today, 52 above in the sun. Water has risen about four inches and is now overflowing along the shore.

### Late Deaths.

Ernest Weaver, an Englishman 22 years of age, died at Caribou on Dominion Saturday. He had no friends but owned some property which is now being cared for by the police until the public administrator can take charge of it. Weaver's body was brought in yesterday and is being held at Green's undertaking parlors until the public administrator looks into his affairs. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Robert Smith, of Portland, Oregon, aged 52 years, died Sunday at the Good Samaritan hospital from pneumonia. He left no property. The body was buried from Green's at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### Glacier Still Growing.

From people who make regular Sunday trips to the glacier on the hill east of the A. C. trail it is learned that there has been a very perceptible increase in its size within the past week, all the water that gushed out in that time having frozen, owing to the continued cold weather. Unless something is done towards confining the water to ditches, the road to the country will be practically impassable when the summer's sun begins to make its influence felt on the mountain of ice which has there accumulated.

Hugh Spencer can learn something of importance to himself by calling at the office of Woodworth & Black in the Victoria block.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.