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OPRIUM SEIZURE.

The Steamer *Umatilla* Seized at San Francisco With Contraband "Dope" on Board.

A Thorough Search to be Made of the Entire Vessel—No Arrests.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Collector Phelps received information that the steamer *Umatilla*, due here yesterday from British Columbia and South ports, was carrying contraband opium, which she would attempt to land. In pursuance of this information, special agents of the treasury were sent out in a tug yesterday afternoon, with orders to proceed up the coast to meet the steamer before she could reach the harbor, and before an attempt could be made to throw any dutiable goods overboard. The *Umatilla* docked at 12 o'clock last night, and landed her passengers. Inspector and Special Agent Noyes, who boarded the steamer, kept a sharp watch on the baggage and observed two new trunks come off the vessel. The driver of a transfer wagon stood by with the checks in his hand, waiting to take possession of the trunks, and claimed them as Holmes was about to take charge of them. He was questioned, and stated that a person, giving the name of J. Tucker, called at the company's office and left the checks, with instructions to keep the trunks till he called for them. As the baggage had to be inspected, no keys were forthcoming. The locks were broken, and both trunks were found filled with five-leaf cans of opium, packed in sawdust, and the entire lot was confiscated. Later, a value containing forty was discovered, and the morning's work resulted in the smugglers losing about \$4,300 worth of opium. No arrests were made, as Tucker did not appear in an appearance. The officers are still at work on the steamer, and the search will not be given up till the entire vessel is thoroughly inspected.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Inspection of the Garrison Artillery-The Freer Falling-Accident to a Lacrosse Player—His Girl Went Back on Him.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 21.—The battery B.C.G.A. was inspected to-day by Col. Holmes and made a satisfactory showing.

Geo. Turner, C.E., contradicted the report that a portion of the Wingdam above Sam's Landing has been carried away. He says that only a few of the piles have been cut out.

The river is falling slightly again and fears of a serious flood are diminishing.

The lacrosse team leaves to-morrow via Vancouver for Victoria. The players are the same as already given in the *Colonist*, except that McQuarrie and not McVey is the spare man.

A juvenile lodge of Foresters will be formed here at an early date.

The barbers have formed a union, but for what object it is hard to ascertain.

A. A. Lewis, a well known lacrosse player, was thrown from a buggy last night, injuring his back. He expects, however, to play on Monday.

The finding of a few skulls and human bones by workmen while opening a drain on McKenzie street caused some excitement last evening, but soon died away.

It was learned that they were thrown in an old ditch some years ago by the late Dr. Trese, who, at one time, had a considerable collection.

The sale of Lulu Island property by auction to-night resulted very successfully, the prices obtained being higher than had been anticipated.

A young man arrived here yesterday from Nanaimo to meet his betrothed, who was to arrive on the train from the East.

He got a license, engaged a bridal chamber in the best hotel, had a parson ready, and then the lady failed to connect. The wires were put in operation, and the young man soon found his intended had not left home. He left in disgust for home to-day.

There is nothing new in connection with the mailpoet. All the cases are well in hand, and there are no new ones.

PRACTICAL RELIEF.

How Young Ladies of Chicago and St. Louis are Helping the Suffering Russians.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Eleven young women sailed from Christiana to-day, on a vessel of the Thirving line, on a mission of mercy. They carry joy to many desolate homes in the famine-stricken portions of Russia. All the young women are from the States, and have a long tedious trip before them, but they are plucky, and full of enthusiasm in the work they have undertaken. The party came from Chicago and St. Louis, and are active members of the "Knights of Daughters." The money was raised by charitable people in the two big cities, the young ladies collecting and soliciting. The delegation is headed by Miss Amelia Enders and Miss Lumb is secretary. The money was raised by the young ladies, and the committee have already sent to Russia from America.

FROM MONTREAL.

Explosion in Machine Works—The Tariff Difficulty Arranged—Newfoundland and Canada have agreed to a treaty.

MONTREAL, May 21.—At 5, this morning, in Laurier Bros. works, where water in the oil pipes became heated and expanded to such an extent that a whole coil, 50 feet long, exploded. The pipes went through the side of the building, into the yard, 100 feet away. Two persons were seriously injured.

Premier Whitely, of Newfoundland, in response to a question from the city, sent a telegram, this morning, declaring that the tariff difficulty between Newfoundland and Canada had been arranged.

Two men, Louis White and Joe Chevalier, who were stealing a ride on the Chevalier train from St. Jerome, Que., last night, were found, this morning, the latter on the track dead, the former near by, with a leg broken

CAPITAL NOTES.

An Arrangement With Newfoundland Made With the Co-operation of the Imperial Authorities.

The Pontiac Election to Take Place June 21st—The Grills and Sir Hector.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 21.—The Governor General was notified, to-day, that Newfoundland had given way, and will consent to revert to the "status quo" of 1889, pending a conference for the purpose of arriving at an amicable settlement. The conference is expected to be held in London, and will be attended by Lord Knutsford, to consult Canadian fishermen about the Blaine free bait, and Canadian goods admitted at as low a rate of duty as formerly, the corresponding duties on Newfoundland fish being abolished. Newfoundland vessels are to have fair treatment in Canadian waters. The announcement gives great satisfaction to the fishermen, and is a step towards the firmness, moderation and abstention from irritating action on the part of the Canadian Government, in connection with the fisheries, which the Imperial authorities. It was a close call for Newfoundland, as the cruiser "Canadian" was to call at Gaspe, to-morrow, for final instructions. Votors proceeding to Labrador, in connection with his visit, before the Privileges committee, last year.

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WONDER OF THE CENTURY.

A Marvellous Monster of the Prehistoric Period Still in Existence.

Story of a Scientist Who Visited the Death Valley Desert in California.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—The *Herald* to-day, says: "That marvellous monster which was seen in the Death Valley desert, about 20 miles from Daggett, described in the *Examiner* of Wednesday by E. W. Speer and Henry Brown of Daggett, at separate times while out on prospecting tours, has occasioned a wonderful interest in scientific circles, especially to those who have made paleontological research. To-day Oscar W. Clarke, who has been spending some time in Daggett, and who has been making geological researches along the coast in the interests of the Royal Academy of Sciences, was on the way to Colorado to test Mr. Clarke has made a number of journeys into the Death Valley desert, and was one of the parties who saw this gigantic monster. He has sent the result of his experience to the Smithsonian institute, with a view to having a party sent out here to capture the monster.

The announcement of the experience of Messrs. Speer and Brown rather anticipated me," said Mr. Clarke, yesterday. "I had a fine opportunity of seeing this strange denizen of that mysterious land known as Death Valley desert, and I desire to say that the animal is the most wonderful living proof of the exact authenticity of the researches made by scientists into the field of paleontological study.

"This animal is really the only living link between prehistoric times and the present. It is a marvellous creature, and an eighth wonder of the world, a marvellous illustration of the profound economy of nature. It was six weeks ago that I had the pleasure of seeing this remarkable animal.

"I was some 30 miles from Daggett and I stopped at 6 o'clock in the evening, to rest, having made some valuable acquisitions to my collection of fossil remains. Happening to glance to the southwest, through the heavy heat peculiar to the desert, I saw a strange body moving about, about a mile away. I went toward it and was soon both alarmed and horrified by seeing an animal, fully 30 feet long, that differed from any of the known forms of the present epoch.

"It was an immense monster, weighing part of the time on its hind feet and at times dragging itself through the sand and through tracks of the desert. It was a peculiar creature, and I saw it in a peculiarly favorable position in the sand whenever it changed its form of locomotion and dragged itself. The fore limbs of the animal were very short and it occasionally grasped the nearest shrub and devoured it. The thumb of the three-pronged fore foot was evidently a strong climbing spike that would be a dangerous weapon in attack.

"Whenever the animal stood upright it was fully 14 feet high. The head was as large as a good-sized cat and was shaped somewhat like that of a house cat. The body was as large as that of an elephant, with a long tail extending from the hind-quarters something like that of an alligator.

"When I saw the animal in the desert, it was on the edge of a great sink-hole of alkali water, a sink-hole, by the way, that my guides told me was a bottomless pit and evidently the remains of the monster when Death Valley was an inland sea. I approached within 300 yards of the monster, crawling cautiously over the sand, and watched it for fully half an hour. Suddenly the beast began to bellow, and the sound was of the most terrifying and blood-curdling character.

"Its immense eyes, fully as large as saucers, projected from the head and gleamed with a wild and awful fire, while from the enormous mouth of the monster a stream of steam-like vapor was emitted, and as it drifted toward me the effluvia was something awful.

"The animal was liver-colored, with bronze-like spots. The monster dragged itself to the edge of the sink-hole, leaped its tail and finally fell off into a quiescent condition and I left the scene and attempted to secure the assistance of my guides in an effort to capture the monster, but they were absolutely terrified and refused to do anything.

"From what I saw of the animal I am perfectly satisfied that it is one of the species of the iguanodon benettianensis, of the European Jurassic, an animal possessing many points of structure in common with the iguanodon of to-day. In fact that is the report that I have sent in, and knowing full well the geological environment of the monster, and the very remarkable and peculiar conditions regarding the Death Valley desert, I am satisfied that my deductions are correct and that there is no other explanation existing in the desert of Death Valley one of the most remarkable animals now existing on the face of the globe, none other than one of the monsters of the prehistoric epoch, a wonder of the centuries."

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