

THE SEALING AWARD.

It is not a week since the Colonist jubilantly assured the public of British Columbia that "the Times was badly cornered; was between the devil and the deep sea," on the sealing award question. Our reply to that was of a nature to end those jubilations so suddenly and so completely, that we had made up our mind we had heard the end of the matter. But the Colonist does not seem to appreciate the golden yale of silence upon things which it cannot comprehend. With the same fatal tactlessness it prates again this morning of the sealing award; and, of course makes an awful mess of it. Indeed, we are almost inclined to exclaim: "Some enemy hath done this thing for the Colonist." It has been as shockingly hoaxed "by somebody" in this sealing award matter as it was in the Morton rescue case, and the Cryderman dead-or-alive affair. Experience might teach the Colonist caution. It is sufficient for us to warn the public that the Colonist's remarks this morning on the sealing award are utterly wrong, quite untrustworthy and sure to mislead those who shall be foolish enough to accept them as authoritative. We invite our readers' careful attention to the lucid exposition of the matter contained in the letter with which Mr. E. V. Bodwell has favored us, and which will be found in a neighboring column. That letter is not only a complete refutation of the Colonist's very astonishing statements, but a valuable contribution to the literature of this great international dispute.

IT IS NOT SO.

The Colonist says this morning: "The Times makes an attack upon the Dunsmuir family." If the Colonist is referring to the article which we published last evening on the subject of that paper's shabby attempt to cast a halo over the E. & N. Railway subsidies, we can only say that the Colonist's methods of criticism are by no means creditable to it. We know that the Colonist has a bad case; it knows that too; but we did not know that the Colonist would be guilty of the deliberate falsification of plain facts. If there is anything in our article of last evening exposing the school-boy fallacies of the E. & N. Railway Company's champion that savors of an "attack upon the Dunsmuir family" we should be delighted to have the Colonist point it out. We challenge the Colonist to substantiate its reckless and malicious remark; if it has any care for its reputation for honesty, we should earnestly recommend and advise the Colonist to name the portion of our article which contains the alleged attack. That our contemporary may be saved any unnecessary trouble, we beg to reproduce every sentence in that article which has any reference to the distinguished family in question:

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(2) "When the Colonist rises to remark that this singularly 'gifted' family is enjoying no special favors."
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Now, will any sane being tell us where in any of the foregoing excerpts, there is the slightest breath of an "attack"? But we know what is the matter with the Colonist—it had to say something. May we quote for the Colonist's benefit a celebrated saying of that great man, Thomas Paine, (we hope the Colonist will not charge us with irreverence, and other horrors because we name that remarkable philosopher) which seems to have an almost perpetual applicability in the Colonist's case? It is this: "It is a very easy thing to tell a lie; but it is a very difficult thing to make a lie stick." As for applying the epithets "blockhead," "underhead," etc., to the distinguished personages mentioned by the Colonist, that strangely misguided journal is very much astray when it says these epithets are new, applied as they were. It may be news to the Colonist to learn that they are not new, original, or incorrectly applied. We once more earnestly invite the Colonist to join us in helping to throw the Turner Government out of office. The Colonist, by the affecting weakness of its long-drawn arguments, has confessed that it would gladly drop the brief for those gentlemen, who have made such a guy of statesmanship, and join the swelling tide of opposition. We promise the Colonist that if it forswears its allegiance to its unworthy masters, we shall rigidly abstain from sarcastic or humorous remarks at its expense; we shall welcome it with unaffected cordiality, as the elderly Esraellite welcomed the prodigal son; we shall kill the fattened calf, (one of the Turner cabinet would do very well,) we shall put a ring on the Colonist's finger, crown it with bays (not James Bays) and welcome it to the brotherhood of the reformers, who desire to see British Columbia well and truly governed by intelligent and progressive men, and to see fungus-brained mossbacks and selfish harpies forever shut out of our legislative halls.

NOT SATISFACTORY.

Our very highly esteemed morning contemporary takes the warpath this day with uplifted tomahawk to confiscate the scalp of the Nelson Tribune for certain statements regarding the Dunsmuir family. Unfortunately right across the aforementioned warpath there lay a little, mean, ornery twig which lovingly entwined itself round the moss-covered foot of the Colonist sachein, and fetched him down, even as the insidiously modest banana peel can land a three-hundred pound taxpayer on the broad of his Prince Albert without any exertion on its own part. The hereinbefore mentioned figurative twig consists of this: "By no possible construction can this exemption (E. and N. railway land subsidy exemption) be construed as a special favor to the Dunsmuir family." No? Then if it is not a special favor, what in the name of common sense is it? Of course, we do not blame the Dunsmuir family for accepting what a blockhead administration heaped into their laps. It is human nature to take all you can get and reach for as much more as the law will allow, and the Dunsmuirs are no exception. But when the Colonist rises to remark that this singularly "gifted" family is enjoying no special favors, or no favors that are not enjoyed by any other family or person in British Columbia, we can only say that the Colonist is conveniently forgetting its history of this province, particularly of Vancouver Island. We do not go so far as to say that every member of the government which gave away to Robert Dunsmuir and his company a fairer and larger domain than many a prince of Europe rules over, should have been hanged or shot, although better men have been thrust out of life more painfully for infinitely less, but we do say that it is a shame at this time of day for the Colonist to attempt to do special pleading for a family that needs it not! It is the poor, ill-treated people of British Columbia, who have been so horribly victimized by dunderhead administrations and who have now to bear the burden of the mischief wrought by those blundering clay imitations of statesmen, that need the special pleading. Let the Colonist drop its eycatching adulation and unnecessary defence of people who are superbly provided for life and join with the Times in asserting the rights of the "common" people of British Columbia and keeping a keen eye on the none-too-intelligent group of figures in whose untrained hands the administration of the affairs of this ill-used and unfortunate province now reposes. Let us watch them, Colonist; watch them to see that no more E. and N. or Crown's Nest or Cassiar Central deals go through again.

HANGED AT LAST.

Our San Francisco dispatches today announced the execution of Theodore Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont, and it is believed, of Minnie Williams, two young ladies of San Francisco. The history of the case is probably the most extraordinary in the annals of crime. As an illustration of the law's delays it was remarkable; as an example of the unsatisfactory character of the present condition of legal machinery in the United States it was startling. Such a case would be utterly impossible in any land where British law exists; for the wisdom of our great legislators and jurists has abundantly safeguarded the interest of the public, while carefully protecting the accused from hasty or partial treatment. The nonsensical hamperage which now makes American justice so dubious a thing has no place in British law; the experience of a thousand years, common sense and equity have eliminated it, and left us with an effective, prompt and eye-handed instrument wherewith to deal between man and man. The unfortunate French whose death is the chief topic of conversation throughout this continent today, received, we believe, a fair trial and has met his just doom, but his case is in grotesque contrast to the daily wranglings which disgrace the fair name of the American republic. The one has been monstrous from its length; the others are monstrous for their precipitancy.

A CYCLONE'S CAPERS.

Morgansfield, Ky., Jan. 10.—A cyclone struck this city last evening, unroofing the houses, blowing down the Star mine, 30 Hotel and totally demolishing several business houses. Henry Sellers, city marshal, who was in the police office, was instantly killed by falling walls. The storm struck the city from the southwest and lasted only a few seconds.

CANADIAN COMMISSIONER.

Representative Sheppard Says There are Opportunities in the South. Mr. E. E. Sheppard, of Toronto, the Canadian trade commissioner, who has been on a tour of South and Central America, arrived here this morning, accompanied by Mr. A. T. Roberts, special agent of Peru. Without going into details Mr. Sheppard said there were splendid opportunities for the development of trade in the southern countries. He said that the United States has much to export to Canada. The commissioner was handsomely received in the southern capitals, the authorities being exceedingly anxious to foster trade with Canada. Mr. Sheppard's trip north is to endeavor to find a market for the salt that Peru produces, establishing a trade to replace the nitrate business taken away from her by Chile.

CABLE NEWS.

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Buda Pest, Jan. 10.—A sensation has been caused by the arrest of Rosa Benko, a music hall singer, together with several male accomplices, on the charge of blackmailing King Alexander of Serbia. It is reported she was tried in Budapest.
Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and ex-King Milan of Serbia, recently, the arrests were made at the latter's instigation, and some curious disclosures are expected.
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Vanouver, Jan. 7.—Both aspirants for the majority have opened committee rooms and have commenced a vigorous canvass, but taking everything into consideration the Liberal party promise to be the quietest on record. The only spice about the affair is the music hall question, which will enter largely into the contest. The Christ church committee of management has sent for suppers for the lady members of the choir, as well as the gentlemen. The wholesale market shows many changes this week. Australian butter is selling wholesale at 24 1/2 cents and Portland eggs at 23 cents. This is the first consignment of Portland eggs sold in this market. Spring salmon is now on the market and is selling at 7 cents wholesale. Japanese oranges are selling at 40 cents retail, and word comes that they are selling at 25 cents a box in Seattle. Oats have advanced from \$20 to \$22 wholesale. National chip feed from \$24 to \$26. Round barley from \$20 to \$22. And hay from \$14 to \$16. The flour and feed market is very firm, and still higher prices will rule.

ESTERHAZY'S CASE.

Opening of the Trial of Dreyfus Alleged Accomplice at Paris This Morning. Likely to Rival the Dreyfus Case in Sensational Features—Col. Picquart Under a Cloud. Paris, Jan. 10.—The trial by court-martial of Count Major Ferdinand Wallace Esterhazy, a retired officer of the French army, who came into prominence the latter part of November last on the publication by Le Figaro of a number of letters, which the Count, it is alleged, admitted writing, reflecting in strong terms upon the French army, opened at 9 o'clock this morning under the presidency of General De Luxer. The hall in which the trial took place was guarded by the Garde Republicaine, and only holders of tickets were admitted. Among those present was Mme. Dreyfus, wife of Alfred Dreyfus, formerly a captain of French artillery, now under a term of imprisonment for life, having been convicted of selling important French military plans to the agent of a foreign power, in which affair Esterhazy, it is said, is connected; the brother of Mme. Dreyfus, Senator Traric, former minister of justice, who last week wrote a letter asking a postponement of the court-martial on the ground that to try the case in its present shape only means asking the court to confirm the guilt of Dreyfus, and many officers and deputies. Count Esterhazy appeared in uniform escorted by Republican guards.

FOR NORTH YALE.

Kamloops, Jan. 8.—At a thoroughly representative convention this afternoon Mr. F. J. Deane, the editor of the Inland Sentinel, was unanimously chosen as the Opposition candidate for the north riding of Yale. Mr. Semlin presided over the 30 delegates present.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Judge Gilbert, for twenty-five years political editor of the Detroit Free Press, died last evening at the Alma, Mich., Sanitarium. Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Wish of this city, while driving across the New York Central tracks at Broadway crossing last night, were struck by the fast mail train from the east, and instantly killed. The horse attached to the vehicle was thrown seventy-five feet and instantly killed. Washington, D.C., Jan. 10.—The senate has gone into executive session to consider the Hawaiian treaty. New York, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Neack was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree today and was sentenced to 15 years in Auburn state prison.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

COXOX.

We had a very enjoyable time last Wednesday, January 5th, at the Kindergarten School, Coxox. The pupils felt anxious to show their teacher, Mr. J. N. Muir, their appreciation of his teaching and kindness in presenting them prizes and cards to encourage them, and also to acknowledge his goodness in procuring medals for spelling and punctuality. The pupils of the first class gratified their desire by presenting him with a beautiful lamp with a lovely shade. Immediately after school hours Wednesday afternoon they formed in line, sixteen in number, and two of the boys at the head of the class presented the lamp. Russell Rogers Smith read an address. Then Henry Smith read the poem. The teacher replied in very appreciative terms, thanking them, and said he was only doing his duty and this was indeed a most unexpected surprise. Then the parents present treated the teacher and his wife to a very good dinner, and a few speeches and songs, the closing being by singing "God Save the Queen."

NELSON.

Nelson, Jan. 6.—The steamer Nelson left here today with a full load of powder, and is to be constructed by the Crown's Nest Pass road, work upon which is being pushed forward with all possible speed. No passengers were allowed on the boat during the trip. It is understood from good authority that the construction of the road from the head of Kootenay lake to Nelson will not be what is known as "plover construction," but will be built at once. The Canadian Pacific in any event must complete the entire line without delay, as it may otherwise lose the subsidy of \$11,000 per mile, granted to it by the government. The distance from Nelson to the head of the lake is about 50 miles, so the subsidy would amount to a considerable figure.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Jan. 8.—A rising political meeting to-night was addressed by Wallace and Scott, the candidates for the mayoralty. The meeting was thoroughly anti-Scott, and the indications are that Mr. Wallace will be the next mayor. Work is progressing steadily on the Monte Cristo mine, with all the force that can be put to advantage, and excellent progress is being made. There is nothing of a startling nature to report. The usual progress was made on the Coloma during the past week. The mine is now employed on the Monte Cristo, the Coloma and the Virginia, which are under one management.

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