

MORE ABOUT THE SEALS.

The Subject of an Executive Session of the United States Senate.

An American Forecast of the Results of the Commission—Three Reports Prepared.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The second executive session of the Senate this afternoon was devoted to a discussion of Behring Sea matters, which had nothing definite as its object, and from which nothing definite resulted. The session was called shortly after receipt of two documents transmitted by President Harrison, and was doubtless more or less in pursuance of a consultation earlier in the day, at which were present Attorney-General Miller and Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee of foreign relations, Gen. J. W. Foster, who is in charge of the Behring Sea negotiations, and ex-Minister E. J. Phelps, who will be the counsel of the United States before the Board of Arbitrators, under the pending treaty, also called in the White House, and conferred with the President after the Attorney and Senator Sherman had departed. The documents sent to the Senate proved to be the reports of the Behring Sea Commission, in three parts, in the ninth article of the pending treaty, who were appointed and did their work practically before the treaty was signed. The conclusions arrived at by these Commissioners, Sir Baden Powell and Mr. Dawson, for Great Britain, and Professors Merriam and Mendenhall, for the United States, are set forth in separate documents, a joint report on points upon which they agree, and a separate report on the points upon which they respectively could not agree. The agreement has been agreed upon the points that pelagic sealing will inevitably result in the destruction of the seal herd. While the Senate remained in executive session a general debate took place upon the whole subject, but no action was proposed, and no action was taken. The treaty still remains with the committee on foreign relations, and is not expected in the Senate until after a reply has been received from Lord Salisbury to the note from the President of the 8th inst. That reply has not yet been received. The point was made in the course of the discussion, that, inasmuch as Lord Salisbury had refused to admit to the treaty a provision for arbitrating the question of damages growing out of the alleged illegal acts by Canadian seal poachers, and declining to assume any responsibility for their acts, he would not interfere by the use of the naval power of England to defend these poaching vessels against any steps the United States might take to protect the seals. Of course, if the arbitrators found that in protecting the seals the U. S. vessels or authorities committed any unlawful acts, they would be responsible therefor. Notwithstanding this, the opinion was generally expressed that the United States should undertake to the full extent of its ability, to protect the seals. The best means of doing this, it was, however, a subject upon which different opinions were held, and, as stated in the report of Consul Myers at Victoria, B. C., many of the United States fishermen cleared much earlier than usual, fearing that the modus vivendi may be renewed, and hoping by this early start to avoid notice of the fact. It is, however, a problem that is engaging the attention of the authorities, by which they can be reached, and, however, are not reached to the general inquirer. There is no change in the situation to-night, and the reply to the questions on the subject is given: "We are awaiting Salisbury's reply to the note of the 8th instant."

BEHRING SEA AT WASHINGTON.

More Comments by Three Senators and One of the Lobbyists—An Incident as Possible.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Much comment was created here, to-day, in official circles, by the receipt of a copy of the London Times of March 2, containing an article based upon the news published in London of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Behring Sea arbitration. In this article glowing language is used: "It is understood that, as the award cannot be made before the opening of the next season, it will be necessary to renew the modus vivendi for another year. This declaration was made on the day after Lord Salisbury's meeting with the United States minister in this city, notified Secretary Blaine that the modus vivendi would not be renewed; but before the fact had been made public, the appearance of this article in the London Times, which is the organ of the government, is looked upon here as reflecting the views believed to have been entertained by the government as to the renewal of the modus vivendi. The fact that the Government changed its views, leaving the Times, its official mouthpiece, in the dark, is apparent from the article quoted, and in official circles here is regarded as highly significant."

IS IT WAR? THEY WANT

Great Activity at Mare Island Navy Yard in Anticipation of Northern Trouble.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The same activity that prevailed at the Mare Island Navy Yard during the discussion of Chilean affairs has again been revived by reason of the United States proposals to send North immediately all the available vessels on the Pacific Coast station. The belief existing is strong that every sailing vessel that enters the forbidden waters will be seized irrespective of what flag it may fly. It will be remembered that pending the final settlement of the Chilean question this government pushed work with dispatch on all the vessels at the yard, and a gang of men in the steam engineering department was worked night and day. The same state of affairs exists at this time. Machinery are doing double time on the Regatta. The boats are ready to go at a moment's notice, and as soon as orders are received her destination, it is believed beyond a doubt, will be the Behring Sea. This afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the Charleston was under way, and will arrive in this city to-day. She will remain for a few days, or until such time as orders for her to take her departure are sent by the Navy Department. There is a possibility that she will leave for San Diego and await the pleasure of the authorities at Washington. There are few, if any, persons who doubt that the Charleston will also go North. Capt.

THE WORLD BY WIRE.

BERNSTADT, March 14.—The Grand Duke Ludwig IV, died at 1:30, this morning. He was unconscious throughout the preceding part of the night. Three of his daughters and Prince Ernest Ludwig, his heir, were at his bedside at the time of his death. The Queen has ordered that the court go into mourning for six weeks, and has postponed her departure for the Riviera. The city is in mourning in the English quarter, where the Grand Duke was especially popular. It is expected that the present Grand Duke will forsake the liberal principles which characterized his father's government, and rumors are current that he is about to dismiss the ministry of Finger and call upon Baron Gergo to form a ministry of Conservatives, and to crown the late Grand Duke Ludwig IV, Grand Duke of Hesse, was born September 12, 1837. He succeeded to the throne on the death of his uncle, Alfred Duke Ludwig, on June 13, 1875. On July 4, 1882, he married Princess Alice, second daughter of Queen Victoria, who died December 14, 1878.

GENOA, March 14.—The police here have received a letter signed "Jack the Ripper," saying that the writer is about to resume operations in this city. The Epoca says that the letter is probably a hoax, as the police and the newspapers have received several similar ones in the last few weeks. The letter was postmarked London, and contained inciteful denunciations of the demi-monde of this city.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Behring Sea question is still in status quo.

The Government is still awaiting the reply of Lord Salisbury. The Epoca says that the letter takes an active interest in the matter, and loses no opportunity to inform himself on the subject. This morning he was in conference with Gen. Foster and ex-Minister Phelps. Attorney-General Miller dropped in, and the four talked over the Behring Sea matter for some time.

ROME, March 14.—The Pope has received a memorial from the Bishops of Canada relative to the religious welfare of Canadian immigrants in the United States.

It is pointed out that the French Canadian immigrants are of a different nationality and language from the other Catholics with whom they are called upon to associate in public worship, and that some special means should be taken for providing them with religious instruction in the language in which they are familiar. The memorial does not urge upon the Pope the appointment of French-Canadian bishops in the United States, but leaves that matter to the discretion of the Holy See. The tone of the memorial is such as to convey the impression that the French-Canadian immigrants are in the hands of those now in ecclesiastical authority over them.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—This morning, Chandler & Co., coal dealers, received information from Coos Bay that the steamer Empire, which left here on the 3rd inst., was making a return trip because of the fact that, just before reaching Coos Bay, the boiler was unable to make the return trip to this city. The Empire was on her way to Departure Bay. None of her freight was damaged, and as soon as she is placed in the dry dock and fixed up she will be ready to start again. It is thought the damage will not involve a large expenditure.

BALTIMORE, March 15.—A private cablegram was received here to-night stating that Job H. Stewart, the United States consul at Antwerp, Belgium, had died in Paris on Monday. Mr. Stewart was a Baltimorean and about fifty years old. He was appointed consul at Antwerp twenty years ago in Pittsburg. A widow survives him. The body will be brought to Baltimore for burial.

LONDON, March 15.—The House of Commons was adjourned at 10 o'clock this morning on account of the absence of a quorum for the transaction of business.

This weakness of support during the discussion of the appropriations, is regarded as another sign of the near approach of dissolution. The situation seems to be in the hands of the first Lord of the Treasury. In a public address this evening, Rt. Hon. Mr. Goschen disclaimed all knowledge of the dates upon which any such date has been fixed. He said: "It has not been revealed to me. However, when the time for the general election shall be known that our young and gallant leader, the first Lord of the Treasury (Mr. Balfour), will lead the Unionists straight and undeviatingly against their foes in the Opposition. Mr. Goschen also pledged Mr. Balfour to an Irish policy and his astuteness as a Parliamentary leader."

LONDON, March 15.—The House of Commons committee on supply met, to-day, and discussed the estimates of the army and navy.

The subjects discussed were the torpedo portion of the navy armament, and the termination of the expensive experimenting with heavy guns during the last ten years, as well as the last characteristic exploit of the Admiralty in building thirteen torpedo boats, which after purchase were found to be unworthy. The committee was considered briefly the army estimates. They adjourned after voting £3,500,000 for the pay of officers, seamen, etc. of the navy and £7,000,000 for the army.

NICE, March 14.—The appearance of the celebrated yacht Valkyrie at the regatta, yesterday, for the prize de la Ville de Nice excited much interest here. There were seven entries for the last race—the Valkyrie, the Blue Rook (last year's winner), the Oretta, better known as the Deerpound, the Marcella, the Cygnus, and the Marcella. The Valkyrie led from start to finish. Rothchild's Eros was beaten by Vanderbil's Alva.

PARIS, Ont., March 16.—A large public meeting will be held to discuss the political situation, a resolution in favor of union with the United States was carried by a large majority.

HAMILTON, March 16.—The trial of John Bertram and John Lottridge for the murder of John Bishop, treasurer of Ancaster Township, a year ago, began yesterday. The principal witness against them was an In-

MODERN FOOTBALL.

Considering the insupportable amount of good enough, both directly and indirectly, by the playing of football, it would be a great misfortune were the game ever to get into such bad repute as to call for State intervention, as in times long since past. That it has yet come within measurable distance of such a grievous condition of things we do not for one moment suggest, and that it will at any time do so we should be sorry to think possible. But we regret to say that ruffianism and unparliamentary play are greatly on the increase, and, unless checked by vigorous methods, we may find that it will be necessary for magistrates, instead of football associations and unions, to deal with assaults arising out of what should be an innocent and healthful pastime. We have had it pointed out to us that an action at law, by a litigious person with a guilty will, will force upon the football field, and if stringent rules and a free interpretation thereof be not sufficient to check the growing evil, it is only remaining to propose a legal remedy, more extensive than resort to the courts. It may be thought that referees and umpires ought to be able to deal with all breaches of rule; but we are sorry to say that many of these officials, either with the fear of giving offence, or so long as they can get away with it, are disinclined to being mobbed and maltreated at the close of a match, do not fully exercise the powers that are vested in them. When once the unscrupulous player displays his reluctance to run in the matter, for it is for the official who now has to decide nearly everything, he will pursue his malpractices to the fullest extent. If all referees were like several we have in mind at the present time—those that are not afraid to do their duty, and who are not afraid to be mobbed and maltreated at the close of a match, do not fully exercise the powers that are vested in them. When once the unscrupulous player displays his reluctance to run in the matter, for it is for the official who now has to decide nearly everything, he will pursue his malpractices to the fullest extent. If all referees were like several we have in mind at the present time—those that are not afraid to do their duty, and who are not afraid to be mobbed and maltreated at the close of a match, do not fully exercise the powers that are vested in them.

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The late Duke of Clarence received an annual allowance of fifty thousand dollars from his father. In addition to this, the duke had his pay as a major of the Tenth Hussars, amounting to fifteen shillings a day, with the usual allowance for forage. It is stated that the duke's allowance was considered as having been of any great help, for it did not even suffice to cover his mess-hill. These mess expenses consisted of fifty cents a day for his breakfast, half a crown, or sixty-five cents, for luncheon, one dollar for dinner, and two dollars for supper. A prominent feature in the bill was the chariot-race in "Ben-Hur." But the circus was in the dumps, because the authorities had seized and shot all the horses, on account of glanders. That night the ring-master came out and announced that the circus had been dispersed. A prominent feature in the bill was the chariot-race in "Ben-Hur." But the circus was in the dumps, because the authorities had seized and shot all the horses, on account of glanders. That night the ring-master came out and announced that the circus had been dispersed. A prominent feature in the bill was the chariot-race in "Ben-Hur." But the circus was in the dumps, because the authorities had seized and shot all the horses, on account of glanders. That night the ring-master came out and announced that the circus had been dispersed.

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The New Zealand Herald describes a desperate fight between a man and a shark which occurred in Manukau Harbor. Mr. Henry Jacobson, who is employed at the North Manukau Heads as beacon lightkeeper, was out in his boat, about six miles down the harbor, when it was struck by a shark and wrecked, and the occupant left in the water. Jacobson dived, and endeavored to relieve the ballast, but without success. He then grasped an oar, and being a good swimmer, struck out for land, but was a strong swimmer, and he was able to reach the harbor, a distance of three miles. At that point he was attacked by a large shark, which grabbed at his hand. He protected himself, however, with the oar, which he tried to throw down the shark's throat. The shark made a dash for the oar, and the man renewed the attack. By this time, however, Jacobson had his sheath-knife drawn, and desperately stabbing the shark, ripping its side open, so that the water became red with blood. A further attack was made, when Jacobson again stabbed the monster near the tail, and it swam away. At that time a boat came in sight, and Jacobson, exhausted, was hauled into the boat, having been in the water two hours and thirty minutes.

THE RABBIT PEST.

The Governor of New South Wales (Lord Jersey), Admiral Lord Charles (Cott), and Mr. Henry Copeland, Minister for Lands, have returned to Sydney from a visit of inspection to the rabbit-infested country between and around Cober and Bourke, in the western division of the colony. They report a terrible condition of things. The estimated increase of the pest in this colony is as follows: In the last three years it is 13,000,000. The departmental experts estimate that 89,000,000 acres, nearly half the total area of the colony, are now infested. In the dry country the rabbits have taken the place of the softer food, to eating in the absence of softer food, to eating in long periods of drought. The party state that traps at the great tanks and waterholes in a dry season, when water is unobtainable elsewhere, are the most successful method of destroying the rabbits.

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"E. C. Commercial Journal." Congratulations are in order to Messrs. Carley & Henderson, this being the first anniversary of their enterprising and successful commercial newspaper.

CONTRAST.

In 1792, sitting by the side of her lynx-eyed mother, sweet mistress Dorothy dreamed of the love she as yet did not know, and wondered what the liberties of marriage and maturity would be like (writes Mrs. Lynn Linton in an English paper). Something of the old Puritan spirit of self-repression still lingered in the home of a hundred years ago, as something of the old Puritan spirit still lingers in the mind of the present day. Dorothy found her restricted life both pleasant and sufficient, and was content to wait in patience for the day of her social emancipation. Dorothy, however, her thoughts were free to wander where they would; and if they chose to idealize some pretty fellow in a cocked hat and periwig, who stepped his viols by way of emphasis and interlarded his conversation with oaths and imprecations, she would not care. Pure, fair, and innocent, sweet Mistress Dorothy understood, like her mother, the uses of time and the fitness of things. She knew that her husband's life's business was to be a good housekeeper, an amiable wife, a devoted mother, a just and well-ordering mistress. Hence she learned behind the mysterious door of the parlour, the right care of the linen-closet, the unaltered management of the dairy and the poultry-yard, was well versed in the methods of making brown and collared head, could toss a panache with the best, could manage any of the household duties, and was a clever wench than most who could have cheated her in the commissariat. Thus far from the bustling and horseplay so common nowadays; and therefore it is not surprising that she should have been so good for the game's sake, and the benefit to body and mind to be derived therefrom, should take exception to the ungentlemanly, not to say dishonest, tactics so frequently pursued. A game is no game unless the player is a gentleman, and it depends upon which side is the better equipped with trickery, and the most opportune moment for resorting to foul play. It is small matter to the player who, finding himself outplayed or outwitted, at the moment suggesting that he should take a lesson from the other side, and that he should be a gentleman, and it depends upon which side is the better equipped with trickery, and the most opportune moment for resorting to foul play.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

Mayor Beaven, Police Magistrate Belyas and Mr. Noah Shakespeare, J. P., as licensing commissioners, yesterday, for several hours and listened to law-law for the application of the Victoria Hotel for a license. No decision had been arrived at when the board adjourned until Saturday at 10 a.m.

A GROWING EVIL.

The spread of houses of ill-repute throughout the residential portion of the city, during recent months, has at last begun to excite alarm, and Mayor Beaven has been asked what the Council intends to do about it. Supt. Sheppard has received instructions to have the members of his force do their duty.

THE CONSTANT HAD HIS WIFE ABOUT HIM.

An ash-box and a careless Chinaman who did not pay particular attention to where he threw the contents of the ash-tray, came within an arm's length of a big fire at 14 Broughton street, last evening. Had not Police Constable McDonald, in passing, detected the fire in the air and investigated, serious harm would no doubt have been done.

NEEDS ATTENTION.

Now that the police, to the delight of all good citizens, are directing their attention to the crowds at the corner of