

AMERICAN NEWS.

Optim in Salmon Barrels Seized at 'Frisco'—A U. S. Cruiser Launched.

General Eight-hour Strike Impending—Abandoned With Two Million Dollars.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—W. B. Britton, of San Francisco, has asked the Central Office of the U. S. Customs to search the city for the missing man, who is believed to have been seized in the city of San Francisco.

Mr. P. Strickland seconded the motion, which was carried.

The chairman next proposed the re-election of Mr. Strickland as president of the company, which was seconded by Mr. A. G. Kendall.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

What Mr. George R. Parkin Has to Say on This Interesting Topic.

(From the News-Advertiser.)

Mr. George R. Parkin is staying at the Hotel Vancouver. For the past few years he has given his time and attention to literary pursuits, chiefly in connection with the Imperial Federation, to which he has devoted himself. With the object of furthering that movement he passed through Vancouver four years ago and addressed a large meeting here. From Vancouver he went to Australia, travelling through every colony of that vast island, lecturing that way he was able to judge very well the sentiments of the people towards the Empire. He found in New Zealand, Australia, and throughout Australia a growing spirit in favor of closer union with the other parts of the Empire. The three years following that were devoted to the writing of two books, which have just been published, containing facts collected in such a way as to turn men's attention to the desirability of a small Empire.

One of these, a small volume, intended as a text book for schools, gives interesting facts regarding every part of the British Empire. The title is "Around the Empire," which very well betokens the matter within. Vancouver and the place taken by the C.P.R. in forming a means of transport from one part to another forms an important part of the book. Mr. Parkin has written a preface in a style that has drawn considerable attention to the little volume. Though published about the first of May, the edition has reached the fifteen thousand. The other work, "Imperial Federation," is much larger and deals more fully with the question. Mr. Parkin's bent is toward practical matters. His business is not to shoot off fireworks but to disseminate information. He has, under the appointment of the Imperial Federation League, addressed every Chamber of Commerce in any town of importance in England, North Ireland and Scotland. Speaking of his visit to Canada, Mr. Parkin said he wanted to study the sentiments of the people and the progress that had been made since last he passed through the country. He came rather rapidly through Eastern Canada that he might spend four weeks upon the North West and Manitoba, with the view of ascertaining the capabilities of those points as a wheat producing country. What he saw was very gratifying to him. The progress made during the last four years was wonderful indeed—everywhere there were signs of steady progress. At Edmonton and vicinity could be seen the effects of the return of Canadians from Dakota and other parts of the United States.

Mr. Parkin retains connection with several English journals and the result of his observations in Canada will appear in the columns of some of the leading newspapers. Canada with other parts of the British Empire Mr. Parkin thinks the people of Canada least enterprising and far reaching in their efforts to obtain commercial relations with Australia and New Zealand. There are vast resources he sees on every side that have not been made the best of.

He ventured the opinion that people were waiting their time on questions of theory and public policy which would better be engaged in more practical ends. Among the matters he will give more particular attention to is the defence of the coast, where they would form part of the Imperial union, the extent of the food supply and the facilities of the C.P.R. for the transportation of troops. He will visit the coast and endeavor to see where the fuel supplies are stored and the facilities for moving them rapidly.

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