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Only one reason has been alleged in explanation of the Government's action, and it is one that can scarcely be mentioned without bringing shame and confusion to every Canadian. That is the suggestion that the clamor of a few interested parties in the United States, who saw in the limitation of our coasting trade to Canadian vessels a loss of business for themselves, is the reason for the annulment of the order-in-council repealing the suspension of law. How weak an argument is almost unthinkable. Yet it seems almost to conceive of any other reason. Matters then, must have come to a pretty pass when questions affecting Canadian interests are decided, affecting Ottawa, but at Washington, or, perchance, at some other point in the United States, where local interests may be prejudicially affected by an insistent plea on the part of the Dominion Statute Book of the Dominion of Canada. It is easy to understand that a few American shipowners having vessels which have been engaged in the Yukon trade since the suspension of Canadian coasting regulations, or a few American merchants interested in that trade, may have been made angry because the Canadian Government had followed the method so thoroughly understood and followed at Washington, that the trade of a country should be protected for the benefit of the people of that country. Only a few days ago we referred to the angry articles in the American press which the Dominion Government's action had called forth. But what of that? Are we under any obligations to grant privileges to aliens at the expense of our own people? Do we find our neighbors making concessions to us similar to that which for seven years we have granted them in this Yukon trade? To both questions emphatic negative must be given. But American shipowners have again to record the fact that Canada's policy, Canada's administrative methods, can be dictated from a foreign country, and in favor of foreign interests, if a demand is made and properly supported by threats of retaliation and vengeance if the objectionable policy or the obnoxious regulation be not abandoned and one approved by foreign interests is substituted for it. And to-day we are compelled to admit in view of the Government's sacrifice of Canadian interests in this matter, that that opinion is fully justified.

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NEEDED BRITISH POSTAL REFORMS.

We are glad to see that the agitation for postal reforms in the Dominion, in regard to newspapers and periodicals, has been well managed by the Government's abandonment of the decision at which it had arrived only a few days previously. The matter is one of more importance than it is generally supposed to be. Imperial interests than the mere question of the amount of postal revenue that might be lost to the British Post Office Department by the adoption of the desired reform would imply Mr. J. A. Cooper, the Editor of the "Canadian Magazine," in a recent article in the "Toronto News," deals very ably and fully with the subject. He reiterates the statements made previously in the Canadian press and elsewhere on the subject, and points out the danger that there will be a loss of business for themselves, is the reason for the annulment of the order-in-council repealing the suspension of law. How weak an argument is almost unthinkable. Yet it seems almost to conceive of any other reason. Matters then, must have come to a pretty pass when questions affecting Canadian interests are decided, affecting Ottawa, but at Washington, or, perchance, at some other point in the United States, where local interests may be prejudicially affected by an insistent plea on the part of the Dominion Statute Book of the Dominion of Canada. It is easy to understand that a few American shipowners having vessels which have been engaged in the Yukon trade since the suspension of Canadian coasting regulations, or a few American merchants interested in that trade, may have been made angry because the Canadian Government had followed the method so thoroughly understood and followed at Washington, that the trade of a country should be protected for the benefit of the people of that country. Only a few days ago we referred to the angry articles in the American press which the Dominion Government's action had called forth. But what of that? Are we under any obligations to grant privileges to aliens at the expense of our own people? Do we find our neighbors making concessions to us similar to that which for seven years we have granted them in this Yukon trade? To both questions emphatic negative must be given. But American shipowners have again to record the fact that Canada's policy, Canada's administrative methods, can be dictated from a foreign country, and in favor of foreign interests, if a demand is made and properly supported by threats of retaliation and vengeance if the objectionable policy or the obnoxious regulation be not abandoned and one approved by foreign interests is substituted for it. And to-day we are compelled to admit in view of the Government's sacrifice of Canadian interests in this matter, that that opinion is fully justified.

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Russians View Askance Yankee Enthusiasm at the Tokio Banquet.

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American Speeches Cause Comment. Russians View Askance Yankee Enthusiasm at the Tokio Banquet.

Viceroy Curzon's Address Receives More Attention Than Tibetan Battle.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—A Tokyo despatch reports that members of the United States legation there are making enthusiastic speeches on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Commerce between the United States and Japan.

The speech of the viceroy, Mr. Curzon, at Calcutta, when he expressed the last year's results of the last year's policy, attracts more attention than the Tibetan battle, which is part of the viceroy's address. It is considered to have been especially important just at a time when the viceroy is endeavoring to revive amity with the Tibetans.

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Trying Experience in Snow Blockades on the C. P. R.

The Belated Passengers Reach Victoria With Tales of Mishaps.

A large number of passengers who were "hung up" on C. P. R. trains which were stalled in the mountains by the snow arrived by the Chamerey...

High Opinion of Admiral Makaroff

Czar Will Send Pacific Second in Command in Case of Accidents.

Paris, March 31.—A telegram from St. Petersburg states that the Czar feels confident that Admiral Makaroff...

Pointed Paragraphs

Of course the way to a dinner is to eat it. Many a man, like the moon, shines while he is in the sky...

Speedy Trials

Case of Rex vs. Boyd Heard Yesterday. Yesterday morning the case of Rex vs. Boyd was heard by Judge...

Laws of Jurisdiction

Rome, March 31.—The Pope of his own accord has directed a condemnation of the Roman civil laws...

SILVER-LEAD BOUNTY

Nelson B. O. March 29.—Messrs. Alfred Gault, president of the Silver-Lead Miners' Association...

Proceedings in Supreme Court

judgment Delivered Yesterday in Davies Sayward vs. Buchanan et al.

Plaintiffs Win Case, Damages to Be Fixed by Further Trial.

Yesterday afternoon the Supreme Court in the case of Davies-Sayward vs. Buchanan et al. delivered judgment...

TO ASSIST MAKAROFF

Czar Reported to Have Selected a Second in Command for the Pacific.

FIRE AT PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 29.—The machine shops of the Pittsburgh Valve Foundry and Construction Company...

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Strange People From the Orient

The Empress Liner Arrives With Orientals For St. Louis Exposition.

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R. M. S. Empress of Japan arrived at quarantine last night, and came up to the wharf early this morning...

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DANGERING RELECTIONS

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PLACE: The outside of one of the smartly appointed omnibuses lying between Baywater and the Interlocutor: The driver and the occupant of a front seat. Mr. Hazelden, a country gentleman, is leaning over the seat, of enquiring mind and enlightening principles...

Next week: "The Romance of Land Movements," by Dr. Andrew Wilson.

BACK TO NATURE

Another Protest Against Modern Civilization and Rustic Amusement. Mrs. Frederick Harrison, in the current "Cornhill," makes an appeal for a return to nature...

Driver (with a thoughtful and puzzled air)—That's not a word I know. I'm in a countryman, I am, from Essex. Drivers in my old home were never more than to look to letions to pay the rent...

Hazelden—But, at least, as matters are, you are going to get something out of it, the cost of choosing a member has been so reduced, that working men can be represented by one of themselves if they wish.

Driver (with a knowing look and a suppressed whistle)—I am the conductor at the other end of the vehicle—Here, Bill, here's a gent says an act of parliament, but that don't matter to me...

Hazelden—Why? Because you and I, like all Englishmen, may enjoy the inestimable blessings of representative government, and of the rule of the people by themselves.

make the identical promise at the time, and thinks nothing about it. He is a man of money. That's all good. Why should he care about anything else? Why should he care about anything else? Why should he care about anything else?

The World's Games!

A naval blue book recently published in the British navy is steadily improving. The total force amount in 1902 was 100,000 and the navy is steadily improving...

One of the most notable references in the following brief account of Admiral Nelson's loss of an arm while fighting the sea battle of Trafalgar...

PRUNING

A tree is pruned principally to get large, good and highly-colored fruit in large quantities. Judicious pruning increases the fruitfulness of trees...

LONDON'S MOTOR HANSOMS

London is in possession of its first motor hansom. The motor hansom is a new type of vehicle...

There is Pneumonia On Every Hand

Three Deaths in One Family Recently Arises From Neglected or Unconcocted Pneumonia. Pneumonia is second only to consumption in the number of deaths which it causes...

THE KOREANS ARE GLUTTONS

They Are Very Lazy, Dirty and Omnivorous. Mrs. Bishop, a lady who recently visited Korea and wrote about the people...

BALTIMORE FIRE STORIES.

From New York Sun.

Old incidents of the big fire are comparatively unimportant for the Baltimore people. William Musser, a farmer on the Bay road about seven miles beyond the city...

It is estimated that about \$100,000 in paper money was destroyed during the fire. Several incidents of the burning of the city are recalled...

Noting that it was a \$100 note, he kept it in a book. The genuine note was so apparent at the office of the Treasurer of the city...

A Nantucket Church Bell's Story

Correspondence Springfield Republican.

Beneath the outlook in the bell, in which swings the "Old Spanish" bell, the visitor will be surprised to see a Catholic cross on the bell. It has been found that the bell was cast in 1812...

Are the Odds Against Japan

If it took the British empire, with 300,000,000 people, three years to subjugate the Japanese empire, with only 100,000,000 people, it would take the United States...

A POSER IN JAPANESE.

The present interest in things Japanese gives a timely opportunity for a letter sent several years ago by a tradesman at Tokio to a New York house manufacturing sporting goods...

HE MEANT IT.

I remember some years ago, when soldiers were pouring out of England to fight in the Crimea, the editor of a London paper wrote to the editor of the British War Office to rent the barracks...

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Ottawa, April 6.—Radical Smith will ask that a number of acts passed by the legislature of British Columbia last year be disallowed.

The Canadian Institute of Engineers have sent a further protest against the employment of aliens on the Grand Trunk Pacific survey.

A bill regarding the Lord's Day Act, which was introduced in the House of Commons last night, was passed by the House of Commons last night.

The Duke of Sutherland, who arrived here last night, called on the Hon. Laurier this forenoon. Mr. Justice Veale, who is a visitor to Lunenburg, is in the city.

A Morrison in the House today introduced a bill to amend the provisions of the law from \$10 to \$100 for employees.

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The Good Time of Immigration

Movement From the U. S. to Northwest Has Commenced in Earnest.

Trains Filled With the Wealthiest and Best Class of Settlers.

Winipeg, April 6.—The following dispatch is published here this afternoon: "St. Paul, Minn., April 6.—The settlement of the Northwest has commenced in earnest."

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