





Uncle Sam's Uneasy

Fear That United States May Be Crowded Out of China Altogether.

Disapproval at Washington of Private Proposition to Surrender Territory.

Secret Agreement With Russia in Violation of General Understanding.

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The articles in question are as follows: "Article 8. The destruction of the forts which might obstruct free communication between Peking and the sea."

"Article 9. The right to maintain occupation of certain points, to be determined by an understanding among the powers, in order to obtain open communication between the capital and the sea."

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Winnipeg, March 25.—(Special)—In the legislature to-day Mr. Burrows gave notice of motion for Thursday for a resolution of the house memorializing the Dominion parliament to extend the boundaries of the province, one of the objects in view being the extension of Manitoba's boundaries northward to Hudson's Bay.

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Ottawa, March 23.—There were some spicy revelations at the Senate inquiry into the Cook charges this morning.

Mr. Cook swore that the late M. C. Cameron, who was lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories when he died, had written him that Cook could get a seat on the Senate if he would do something. In answer to that, Mr. Cook was told he would be paid \$10,000.

His solicitor, Biggs, was with him at this time. Cook positively refused to purchase the seat. Subsequently Mr. Biggs called at the office of Sir Richard Cartwright.

Mr. Cartwright told him that the party needed funds, and Cameron had undertaken to raise them. Sir Richard Cartwright had the matter approved or disapproved of the offer.

The committee met again to-morrow. Sir Richard Cartwright is on the stand. He denies any knowledge of the affair.

The bill of Toronto, introduced a bill to compel the Bell Telephone Company to furnish telephone rates existing in 1892, and permitting a refund on excess charges that have been paid.

The budget debate was continued to-morrow. Mr. Monk made a noteworthy speech.

The Columbia and Western Railway got power to bond the line west of Midland to the extent of \$1,000,000. The road only got one year's extension in which to complete lines yet unbuilt.

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Several Sections Adopted Without Amendment—Night Sittings Next Week.

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REPORTS. Mr. Hall presented the third report from the printing committee, as follows: That they recommended the report of Dr. C. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, who attended a sanitary convention held at Ottawa on 14th February, 1901, to be printed. The report was received.

Mr. Curran presented the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth reports from the railway committee, as follows: The preamble proved of an Act to Incorporate the Yale Northern Railway Company and submit the same herewith with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Martin, the following resolution was adopted: That an order of the house be granted for a return of all the moneys (unpaid classified heads) collected during the past fiscal year by the actual commission and mining recorders of Trail Creek, divisions, respectively.

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Chinese Commission

MONDAY, MARCH 25.

The total commission report took to business yesterday morning, following evidence, no less than three important witnesses being examined before the commission adjourned for lunch. The witnesses were Dr. Johnston, seaman and forster; George Jeeves, contractor; and Mr. S. H. Cassidy, superintendent of provincial police.

Mr. Johnston favored restriction of Chinese immigration, and believed that a \$200 head tax would be sufficient. Chinese were not desirable as residents, because they sent their money out of the country and did not assimilate with the rest of the population.

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Danube Back From Skagway

Orders to Close Dance Halls and Gambling at Dawson Waived till June.

Railway From Dawson to the Creeks—Late News from Nome.

Steamer Danube, which returned from Skagway last night, with a number of passengers, picked up Ole Johnson, who succumbed to his injury at Skagway. Last Sunday afternoon at about 2:30 o'clock, as the Danube was at a point about 10 miles north of Wrangell narrows, she was hailed by the schooner Annie, one of the best vessels usually hanging around the canals and saloons privileges at Dawson. A despatch to the Skagway Dispatch on March 18 says: Major Watson, who arrived from Dawson on Ottawa, stating that the government had decided, after the deliberation, to suspend the liquor license at the canals and saloons to run until June next.

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It has been frequently said that, if there were no Chinamen in domestic service here, Canadian girls would take...

above their station, but we dispute the claim that there can be any such thing...

TAXES AND REBATES.

Premising that we do not know how the government regards the question, a statement which it seems necessary to make...

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Those persons who think the Senate ought to be a non-partisan body will not be edified by the debate over Sir Mackenzie Bowell's resolution...

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The Manchurian Agreement

Russia Threatens to Break Off Negotiations If It Is Not Signed.

Sir Robert Hart and Other Experts Will Advise on Indemnity.

Peking, March 28.—The home ministers are considering the advisability of asking the government to reconsider the decision of armed legations, as being liable not only to keep the court returning to Peking, but also as a continual source of danger in the dealings with the Chinese. They say it would be impossible to keep the guards within the legation quarter, as Prince Chung and Li Hung Chang insist. It is said that this would make it impossible to guarantee order, especially when the Chinese troops will have returned to Peking. One drunken expert says, "I might as well settle, for I might as well die."

THE LINE OF MISERY.

From Daily Mail. Three o'clock of a February morning, the great city, swathed in slush, is a scene of misery. Only the coffee stalls, scattered, white, and the faces of the poor, are visible.

OPINION.

On Kissing And... It is a duty to wash the face with soap and water. It is a duty to wash the face with soap and water. It is a duty to wash the face with soap and water.

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Garments as Good Use of

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Are Britons Israelites?

Rev. Idrisy Jones Lectures on the Subject of Anglo-Israelism.

He Points Out Why Empire Is That of God's Chosen People.

Rev. J. Idrisy Jones lectured to an audience of seventy people in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last night, bringing forward a theory that the British people were descended from the Israelites. He said that the people of Israel were chosen by God to be a nation, and that the British people were descended from the Israelites.

FRIENDLY HELP ASSOCIATION.

The Aims and Objects of Victoria's Industrious Benevolent Society.

At the request of gentlemen who attended the association meeting of the Friendly Help Association on Saturday, the following are the aims and objects of the association: To assist the poor and distressed, to provide relief for the sick and infirm, and to promote the welfare of the community.

ABOUT ISRAELITES.

Important Deductions of Dr. Valeo, of Beauport, Quebec. From Montreal Star. There are some features of the report made to the government by the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Beauport, Quebec, which are of great interest.

GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

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The Smith Or the Cass

New Steamer Purchased by the C. P. N. Co. Is One of the Two.

Expected From Orient in About Five Weeks—Fare to Vancouver.

It has been learned from unofficial sources that the new steamer secured by the C. P. N. Co. for the Skagway route is one of the two for which some time ago negotiations, the steamer being the "Cass" and the other the "Smith." It is understood that it is the steamer "Cass" that the company has decided to purchase.

TENDERS FOR LOAN.

Treasury Bills Are in Great Demand. London, March 28.—Tenders for £2,000,000 in treasury bills were opened at the Bank of England to-day. The average rate of the allotments was 3 1/2 per cent.

THE CYCLONE'S DEADLY WORK.

Twenty-Five People Killed and Many Injured in Birmingham, Alabama. Birmingham, Ala., March 25.—Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning a fearful tornado swept over the southern section of this city, travelling in an easterly direction. The number of killed is estimated at 25. One of the most terrible scenes was the destruction of property placed at a quarter of a million dollars.

FIGHT FOR TRADE.

Dolphin and Cottage City Sail on Tuesday Morning. The fight is beginning for the Northern business, and this summer the competition promises to be lively indeed. The Alaska S.S. Co. has decided to have a port of call for their steamers at the port of call for their steamers at the port of call for their steamers.

NEW SHIP YARDS.

Oliver Richards Goes to England to Secure Plant for Shipbuilding. Oliver Richards has gone to Great Britain to purchase a plant for the establishment of marine works and shipbuilding yards. He is expected to return in a few days.

To Kill the Russian Czar

A Mine Discovered Beneath the Palace and Several Arrests Made.

Emperor Nicholas Is Nervous Owing to the Dark Political Horizon.

London, March 28.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris states that the highest authority that a mine has been discovered beneath the palace of Emperor Nicholas II. Several arrests have been made in connection with the discovery.

ARKANSAS LYONING.

Murderer Taken From Jail and Hanged. Little Rock, Ark., March 23.—A special from Ponchaos states that George Chevrin, who was hanged yesterday for the murder of a woman, was a member of the Lyonic Association.

BUSINESS DEAD IN DAWSON.

Many of the Merchants Intend to Dispose of Their Stocks. Business at Dawson is at a standstill. The stores and warehouses are greatly overstocked, and wholesale prices are lower than ever known. Many of the merchants intend to dispose of their stocks.

TEST FOR HUMAN BLOOD.

Experiments That May Have Important Bearing on Trials for Murder. From the Lancet. In the Deutsche Medicinische Wochenschrift of February 7, Stabsarzt Dr. Uhlentz describes some experiments which he has made with human blood, and also with that of a number of lower animals, the result being that he has discovered a specific reaction for human blood, and that of the common fowl, the horse, and the ox.

AT MALTA.

Duke and Duchess of Cornwall Received With Enthusiasm. Malta, March 25.—The steamer Oshir, bearing the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on their tour of the world, arrived here this morning. The warships in the harbor were manned and dressed.

RIO WRACK.

Inspectors Place the Blame for the Vesuvius's Loss. San Francisco, March 28.—Capt. O. F. Bolles and J. K. Bulger, United States inspectors of hulls and boilers, have responsibility for the wreck of the Vesuvius on their decision on the 22nd of the Golden Gate.

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Attempt to Break Into Young Child's Prison.

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trade in the Pacific are built in the ad... building States of Washington at a cost... of about \$60 per ton for those of from... 600 to 800 tons, and about \$80 per ton... for those from 800 to 1,000 tons register... tonnage. Until the business grew fairly... established, vessels could not be built at... the same price in British Columbia, and... we therefore hope that the government... may grant some assistance to equalize... the difference until the industry is fairly... established. It is strongly urged that... granting of a bonus equivalent to \$10... per ton register on all vessels of 600... tons built in the province within a stated... period after the passage of the Act.

A similar resolution was passed on the... 25th of March, 1898, and again on the 17th... of August, 1900, at the last session of... the British Columbia Legislature. The... following figures, taken from the... Statistical Year Book, strongly support... the claim of British Columbia as the most... desirable location for the establishment of... a gold output for the province for 1899... was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province, Gold Output. Rows include Yukon, British Columbia, Alaska, etc.

The primary object of the establishment... of a mint is to retain in the Dominion... own gold product, for the first change... of hands which it undergoes at all events... and secondly, to secure the benefit of... indicated in the event of the mint being... located elsewhere than on the Pacific coast... San Francisco and a branch mint at... gold at Seattle, and it will be useless... to attempt to compete with either of... these gold producing centers. The cost of... the necessarily added cost of transportation... and insurance be increased by the estab... lishment of the mint in any other part... of Canada.

MEMORANDUM BY THE HONORABLE... THE MINISTER OF MINES. The Minister of the Interior (Hon. Clif... ford Sifton) stated on several occasions... during his recent visit to the Kootenays... that it was the intention of the Dominion... government to appoint a commission to in... quire into the mining industry of Canada... especially British Columbia. As to the... scope of this commission nothing was said... by him except an assertion from newspaper... reports that it will deal with the sal... veyment question seems assured.

SHIPBUILDING... 1901. Pursuant to your... interview on... the subject of... a written pre... of the British... on a reasonable... the matters in... is a memoran... forth briefly the... have influenced... of the present... administration... necessary in this... to the merits of... to fishery... as far as... are concerned... The right of... within territorial... is still... I am advised... in your favor in... courts.

MEMORANDUM TO FISHERIES. Under the decision of the Judicial... Committee of the Privy Council in the... case (1898 Appeal Cases), the... respective rights of the provinces and the... Dominion are still in question. In... general view the fish, as a property... or asset, would seem to belong to the... provincial jurisdiction, and the right to... license and the right to license re... venues very much involved, with still... further in the determination in re... gard to fishing within the three-pro... vincial limit.

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General Benefit.—Every industry in... the Province would benefit directly or... indirectly by the establishment of a... shipbuilding industry. Even the agricultural... community would derive benefit from the... increased cost of money spent on... shipbuilding.

Discrimination.—United States ports... discriminate against our lumber to the... extent of 30 cents per one thousand feet... of lumber. This is a heavy burden... which is not met by the Dominion... government.

MEMORANDUM RESPECTING THE... SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF... BRITISH COLUMBIA. Owing to physical difficulties the work... of the Survey Commission in British... Columbia is incomplete, portions of the... boundary line being unascertained, so... that in places it is uncertain as to wheth... er certain mining claims are in Canada... or British Columbia.

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From the fiscal year ending 1898-1899... the report of which is the last published... the total fisheries revenue for all Canada... was \$73,447,715, of which British Colum... bia alone contributed \$43,801,775, or... about three-fifths the entire amount of... revenue.

On the other hand the expenditures... on account of the fishery industry in... Canada, including cost of administration... fish hatcheries, fishery protection ser... vice, fishery bounties and other ex... penditures, amounted in the same year... to \$498,754,183, of which British Colum... bia's share was \$12,195,411.

Considering the extent of the sea coast... of British Columbia and the great value... of the fisheries resulting therefrom, it... seems reasonable that the Dominion... government should encourage the develop... ment of the fishery industry in British... Columbia, as has been done for some years... in the Maritime Provinces, in the nature... of the services referred to.

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