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THE CAPIAS.

The capias law must be used with much discretion or abuses of it are absolutely certain to occur. In many cases a person preparing to leave Dawson would prefer to settle almost any kind of claim rather than to submit to the annoyance and humiliation of arrest and forcible detention. Cases where attempts have been made to use the capias law, as a "bluff" with which to extort money are not wanting and it is apparent that in the hands of unscrupulous parties it can be used with lasting and evil effects.

When any doubt at all exists as to the responsibility of the party asking the capias warrant a bond should be required sufficiently large to guarantee any damage which might accrue to the accused provided he should establish that the warrant has been issued without due and sufficient cause. As matters now stand a man may be placed at great expense and trouble to say nothing of the expense involved and still be practically without redress.

THE FREIGHT BLOCKADE.

The water in the Yukon has been rising steadily for the past two days, and there is now a probability that the thousands of tons of freight stacked up at the head of navigation will soon begin to move. It means much loss to the business men of Dawson if this freight blockade continues for any length of time. We are credibly informed that among the freight now at Bennett and en route to Dawson there are great quantities of perishable goods. Many tons of such commodities were shipped up to Skagway in May with the expectation that it would be brought down to Dawson on the first boats. The condition of the water made this impossible, with the result that a large quantity of perishable freight will be a total loss.

It appears, however, that there is no diminution in the amount of goods arriving in Skagway, and when the blockade is once removed there will be no need to fear a shortage of any class of goods in the Dawson market. The loss will come on the shippers who took the risk of getting their goods in with the opening of the season, expecting to receive the benefit of extraordinarily high prices. It is an ill wind, however, that blows good to no one, and in this instance the consumer will profit by the hard luck of the enterprising but unfortunate shipper.

Sir Charles Tupper has made a strong point against the British system of colonial management. He says there is not a government on the face of the globe which has colonies—France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Holland—that pursues the same system as Great Britain; "that has not a different tariff within the empire to that of the rest of the world." Now that is undoubtedly true,

but does the leader of the great Conservative party argue from it that we should resort to the colonial methods of these nations; have their colonial systems proved so successful as to be worthy of imitation by the greatest—in fact, the only—colonizing nation on earth?—Victoria Times.

A large attendance greeted the artists who contributed their services to the concert given last evening for the benefit of the Yukon field force band. The demonstration was in every way in keeping with the nature of the occasion and proved conclusively that the band has won a very warm place in the hearts of Dawson's citizens. It has come to be so customary for the band to contribute its share of the programme at entertainments of a public nature in Dawson that their withdrawal from the city will certainly create a vacancy which will be filled only with difficulty.

If the reported find of quartz on Indian river should in any respect approach the expectations of the sanguine discoverers there will be added reason for confidence in the permanence of Dawson. How valuable the newly found leads will prove cannot be told until sufficient prospecting has been done to determine something as to their depth and extent. Assays of surface showings do not as a usual thing prove the character of a vein throughout. We hope that the men who made the recent discovery will find their confidence therein fully justified.

Now is the time when the disciple of Izaak Walton goeth forth to lure the festive trout and greyling from his chosen haunts in the eddies and rifles of the Klondike. Fishermen can be seen any afternoon and evening engaged in the fascinating sport with luck which seems dependent only on the skill with which the tackle is manipulated. Numerous jointed rods, silk lines and all sorts of variegated flies indicate that the chechako fisherman is abroad and come to stay. We expect to hear some startling fish stories very shortly.

The arrival of a brand new cargo of bright eyed, dashing soubrettes is an event which must not be overlooked. To the average habitue of the Dawson play houses the new faces will be most welcome. Dawson does not forget the old standbys but a little variety is enjoyed even by the sourest of sour doughs.

Heir Apparent to the Sea.

At last the dream of the late Austin Corbin regarding an ocean-steamship terminus at Montauk point is to be realized by the Pennsylvania railroad's control of the Long Island system. A few hours of water travel will be saved to those who are in a great hurry, and this will be an advantage, say, to the European tourist who wants to get to Wall street on a particular day before the stock exchange closes; but nobody need worry for fear that Greater New York or its steamship facilities will suffer serious impairment. On the contrary, the greater development of this harbor's interests that is in prospect through the combined efforts of the big railway systems centering here will create too vast an increase of shipping to admit of any net loss. Americans are destined to become, in view of our expanded international relations, less a nation of landlubbers, more and more a people composed of amateur mariners, than ever before. We might as well expect, because of fast express train service between New York and other cities of the Atlantic seaboard, that the man with a yacht will sell his yacht, or that those who love to scent the oystery smell of the sea breeze from under a deck awning will tamely content themselves with flying landscapes of patent medicine advertising signs.

In other words, the republic is the heir apparent to the sea. An English

statesman once said that the frontiers of Great Britain were the coasts of her enemies. It is no longer strictly and exclusively true. If Britannia has ruled the waves in the past, America is destined at least to share that rule with her in future. Indeed, we already share it. Just as old royalty and aristocracy were compelled to admit the English commons and their electors to a share in the government of the United Kingdom, so the world's greatest type of royalty has been compelled to admit the world's typical republic to the joint administration of the waters that surround the land. In time even this sense of sharing will be lost, and Republicanism, represented alike by the United States and by Great Britain's larger evolution of colonial liberty, will rule land and water alike, and this will be a free globe.—New York Press.

The Queen's Hindustani.

It will be handed down to posterity, says Pearson's Magazine, as one of the most astounding proofs of Queen-Victoria's vast intellectual attainments that—in spite of all duties and responsibilities, in spite of the fact that she has devoted so much time to the study of politics as to become one of the greatest living authorities on the practical politics of Europe—she has yet so completely mastered a most difficult language that she has been able to make it a custom to note the daily events of her life in Hindustani, in a diary kept for this special purpose, and to speak the language with fluency.

For more than ten years it has been the queen's custom to devote a part of every day to instruction in the chief language of her Indian subjects and in enriching her mind with the intellectual treasure of the east. Her majesty has surprised many of her Indian visitors by making unexpected observations in good Hindustani. As every one knows, she is almost invariably attended upon, at home, by one or more of her faithful, picturesque and courteous Indian servants. But it is not common knowledge that the queen always speaks to her servants in their native language. Nevertheless, this is the case—however small the remark, however important the command, whether it is a simple request for a meal or a serious matter of state, it is made in Hindustani.

Universal admiration has been expressed at the determination of the queen, at an advanced age, not only to learn to speak Hindustani, but also to take an interest in the literature of India, and to acquaint herself with the ideas, wants and aspirations of her Oriental subjects in their own language.

Knife Embedded in a Tree.

The finding of a knife that killed an Indian 115 years ago was recently made under rather curious circumstances. While sawing logs on the Reynolds and Meter mill, at Harman, Randolph county, W. Va., the saw came in contact with a hard substance. On examination it was found that the saw had struck a knife that was imbedded in a log to a depth of 115 years' growth, and which is supposed to have been there 115 years.

Jackson Summerville, an aged citizen of Harman, says the knife is exactly like the one which his father often described to him when, as a boy, he used to listen to him tell about the narrow escape he had at the hands of the Indians. His father was fleeing from a band of Indians one night, but was overtaken by one of them on top of a mountain, when a terrific hand-to-hand encounter ensued. Summerville succeeded in killing the Indian with a knife. It was late at night, and, not knowing which way to go for safety, he stuck the knife in a tree and hid until morning, and then forgot the knife until he had traveled a long distance. The tree in which the knife was found was taken from the mountains where the Indian was killed.

The knife will be deposited with the State Historical Society, together with a statement of the circumstances of its discovery.

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