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SAVE THE SEALS

Minister Phelps Speaks for the United States.

NUMBER OF VISITORS PRESENT
British Counsel Did Not Approach the Question in a Straight-forward Way.

Hon. E. J. Phelps, of counsel for the United States, opened his argument in behalf of the contention of the United States, and his address was a brilliant one. America headed the claims that the indiscriminate destruction of the seals, including the slaughter of the gravid animals proceeding toward the Pribiloff islands, herding grounds, and of the mothers seeking food at sea, is inhuman, barbarous and a violation of the laws of all civilized nations for the protection of wild animals in their nesting season. Such slaughter, he contended, must eventually result in extinguishing a valuable industry, established for nearly a century by Russia, and maintained by the United States in the session of Alaska to the United States by the Russian government. The British claimed the right to exterminate the species for the sake of a small temporary profit. They do not yet set the question as to whether the right existed, but exhaust the resources of the ablest advocacy to evade it. The British counsel approached the question every direction except a straightforward one. They pretended to inquire if the United States were justified in seizing British vessels engaged in seal hunting. Mr. Phelps declared there was no such question before the tribunal.

In his argument before the arbitrators in the Behring sea case Mr. Phelps, of counsel for the United States, gave an interesting account of the habits of the Alaskan seal, over the proprietorship of which the whole contest is being waged. The peculiar thing about these seals is that, although in their journey from the south to their stamping grounds in the Behring they pass islands innumerable, they invariably select two groups, and only two, as their summer home. One of these is on the coast of Asia and is known as Commanderoff. The other is the Pribiloff islands, two in number—St. Paul and St. George—off the Alaskan shore. These islands are but specks in the surrounding waters. St. Paul contains but thirty-two square miles and St. George twenty-seven square miles. Why these two groups should be selected is what no naturalist has as yet been able satisfactorily to explain. Nevertheless the fact remains that it is to them and to them alone that the seals annually resort from their nesting grounds in the north. About this season of the year the Pacific ocean north of the fortieth degree of north latitude is liberally sprinkled with seals on their way from southern waters to their northern summer resort. The males appear to be expert swimmers than the females. In all events they arrive at the islands a week or two ahead of the females. Upon reaching them they immediately proceed to select quarters on them for their summer abode, and these quarters are always at some point near the sea, from which it is easily accessible. When they arrive they are rolling in fat and weigh somewhere in the neighborhood of five hundred pounds each. About the beginning of June the females begin to arrive and a few hours

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trip is begun early in August and as a rule the islands are clear of seals by the end of that month. A few stragglers may remain till November, after which none are seen till the following May. The male seal is six years of age before he begins to mate and it is from the school of bachelors that the losses of the islands select the one hundred thousand they are allowed to kill each season. These are taken from those between three and four years of age, the skins being most valuable at that time. Of course it is impossible to discriminate as to age or sex when the seals are in the open sea, and therefore the necessity of preventing the Canadian poachers from carrying on their depredations. They kill all they meet without respect to age or sex.



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for reaching the shore they give birth to their young. The males then begin choosing their mates, the number of their wives being limited only by their capacity of offense and defense. Fierce conflicts frequently occur over these selections and the stronger always come out on the top. Like on the islands the male seals die next to nothing. They appear to live on the superfluous fat they have accumulated during the winter season, and when they start their journey on their northern trip they

A DREADFUL CALAMITY
Collision Between Two English Battle-Ships.

ONE SANK WITHIN A FEW MINUTES
Nearly Five Hundred Lives Lost in the Disaster—Flagship Victoria Went Down.

LONDON, June 23.—A frightful calamity has befallen the British battle-ship Victoria, flagship of the Mediterranean squadron, and hundreds of lives have been lost. The Victoria which flew the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon, K. C. B., was run into off Tripoli, Syria, by the British battle-ship Camperdown, also belonging to the Mediterranean squadron, and under the command of Captain Charles Johnston. The Victoria had an enormous hole made in her side, through which the water poured in torrents. The immense hull of the Victoria at once began to settle, and before those on board could cast loose their small boats she went to the bottom, carrying down with her nearly all on board. Some of the officers and crew managed to get out of the suction caused by the sinking vessel and were rescued. Among those lost are Vice-Admiral Tryon. The first reports of the disaster stated that about 200 men had been drowned, but later dispatches show the loss of life is far greater, not less than 400, officers and crew of the Victoria having gone down with the ship. The Victoria was a twin-screw battle-ship of 10,470 tons and 14,000 horsepower. She mounted 15 guns. The Camperdown is also a first-class twin-screw battle-ship, 10,000 tons and 11,500 horsepower, and carries 10 guns. Admiral Sir George Tryon was commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean station.

Rear-Admiral Albert H. Markham, of the *Trialgar*, the flagship of the rearmadmiral in the Mediterranean, has telegraphed the admiralty from Tripoli, Syria, under date of today, as follows: "I regret to report that while maneuvering off Tripoli this afternoon the Victoria and Camperdown collided. The Victoria sank in 15 minutes in 18 fathoms of water. She lies bottom upmost. The Camperdown's ram struck the Victoria forward of the turret on the starboard side. Twenty-one officers were drowned. Two hundred and fifty-five men were saved. The injury to the Camperdown is not yet fully ascertained, but is serious, and will necessitate her going to the dock for repairs. I propose to send the survivors to Malta."

The Victoria carried 600, officers and men.

THE FROZEN NORTH.
The Daring Explorer Who Proposes to Find the Pole.
The Norwegian explorer, Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, will start during the present month on another expedition in search of the north pole. He returned in 1889 from a remarkable trip across Greenland. Nansen expects to reach the north pole or its vicinity by means of that stream which he has always believed flows from Eastern Siberia to Greenland. He will have twelve companies, all picked men, who can endure the severe and unusual exposure. Nansen expects to leave the coast at the extreme northern point of the Old World and go north until the pack ice makes further progress impossible, when his men will be left to the mercies of fate. Nansen is of the opinion that the boat will not regain its power to navigate until it reaches the open sea on the other side of the pole. He may be gone five years.

Special Wool Rate Cancelled.
CHICAGO, June 23.—Chairman Midgley, of the Western Freight association, has telegraphed to the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads, calling attention to the special wool tariff from north Pacific coast terminals to the Atlantic seaboard at the rate of \$1.05 per 100 pounds, and suggested that as eastern lines will not accept less than local rates east of this city, there is no alternative left for the Western Freight association than cancellation of the tariff.
Excitement at the Fair.
CHICAGO, June 23.—There is a model of her majesty's ship Victoria, which sank in the Mediterranean sea, in the transportation building. As soon as it became noised about that the Vic-

A HUMAN VAMPIRE
Public Sentiment Against Thomas Henderson Boyd of Seattle,

WHO WAS MURDERED BY HIS WIFE
Testimony Develops That He Tried to Force Her Into Compromising Situations for Blackmail Purposes.

SEATTLE, June 23.—(Special.)—Great interest is exhibited here at present in the trial of Mrs. Boyd, nee Ursula Janietta Unfg, owing to the fact that she has deliberately acknowledged the killing of Thomas Henderson Boyd, her husband, who was editor of an Olympia newspaper. The court room of the criminal department is crowded, and the judge has been obliged to order the court room doors closed after the court room is filled to avoid the jam which would follow in case such an order was not made. Startling revelations have been made by letters written from Thomas Henderson Boyd to Mrs. Boyd, in which he has laid deep schemes for blackmaling a great many prominent men of the state of Washington. Prominent among these parties are bankers and business men of Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia and Spokane. The general plan was to have his wife, who was formally of unchaste character, but who has been, since her marriage, true to her marriage vows, go to these different men and entice them into compromising positions with her, and then extorting money from them in order to save their reputation. This he urged with such persistence and she resisting it with the same earnestness, caused them both to become desperate, and one night, when Mr. Boyd endeavored to force his wife into one of these inhuman acts, she became desperate with anger, and shot him four times, killing him instantly. The sympathy of the people was somewhat against her until this revelation, and it has been established to such a degree of certainty that an immediate acquittal is almost certain. The revelations which seem to be well proven establish the fact that Thomas Henderson Boyd was one of the most inhuman, immoral vampires whose life has ever been investigated.

SEATTLE, June 23.—Mrs. Boyd was cleared at 1:30 this morning by the jury. Five hundred persons waited for the verdict. It is said the defendant has promised to become a missionary among fallen women.

EULALIA ON A TEAR.

Was not the Princess, but a Circus Elephant.
CHICAGO, June 24.—Eulalia, an elephant belonging to the Harris circus combination, created a panic in the streets of Englewood yesterday. The circus started to move in the morning. The regular trainer was not about and James O'Rourke, a canvas man, got on the beast's back. He was too free with his gaff and Eulalia parted company with him, shaking him off, and before he could escape the animal stepped on him, crushing two ribs. The elephant then trotted down the street. O'Rourke was sent to the county hospital, while the manager and a crowd of spectators started after the elephant. Then began the chase through Englewood, up one street and down another. When a good portion of the suburb had been traversed and trampled upon, Eulalia was brought up with a round turn and submitted to the dictation of her captors.

PEARY'S ARCTIC HOUSE.

Will Be Built to Withstand the Severe Weather.
CAMDEN, N. J., June 23.—The house in which Lieutenant Peary and his party will make their winter quarters is now almost completed, and will be taken apart and stowed on the Falcon after she leaves Philadelphia next Monday. It will be used on the east side of Inglefield gulf, Greenland. Particular attention has been given to protection from the cold. The dwelling affords room for the 12 men who are to comprise the party. It will be 13½ feet from the ground to the top of the glass dome, 35 feet long and 16 feet wide. To keep off Arctic blasts, Lieutenant Peary has decided to construct a stone wall five feet high and two feet thick around the house. Corrugated iron plates and hot-bed sashes will be placed alternately from the wall to the roof of the house all the way round, thus forming a corridor and compelling those desiring to leave or enter to pass through three doors. Tar paper between the floors, and an electric light plant and photographic apparatus will be among the features of the equipment.

Captain Sweeney, U. S. A., San Diego, Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50 cts. Sold by Snipes & Kinersly.

JUNE CROP REPORT.

WHEAT.—The report of June 1st, based on returns to the department of agriculture, makes the acreage of wheat as compared with that of last year 87.8 per cent, being a reduction of 12.2 points. The states in which the principal decrease has occurred are Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and California. The reduction of the area in the states of Kansas, Missouri and Illinois was caused in the main by the long continued drought and extremely cold winter. A vast amount of the acreage sown has been plowed up and put to other crops. The decrease from the acreage of 1892 is, in the state of Illinois 24, in Missouri 16, and in Kansas 39 points.

The percentage for the country of spring wheat is 54. The percentages of the principal spring wheat states are: Minnesota, 90; Nebraska, 100; South Dakota, 95; North Dakota, 96. The condition of winter wheat has improved but slightly since the last report, being 76.5 against 75.3 for the month of May, the percentages of the principal states being, respectively, Ohio, 90; Michigan, 72; Indiana, 81; Illinois, 67; Missouri, 74; Kansas, 47.

SHE DEFIED THE POLICE.

Trying to Convert the Unbelievers of Chicago.
CHICAGO, June 23.—A granddaughter of the famous Lady Watson, of London, was arraigned at the Desplaines station court yesterday for violating the ordinance prohibiting the gathering of street crowds. She is Mrs. Margaret J. Rice, and all over Canada and in some cities of the United States she is more familiarly referred to as "the wife of the cowboy preacher." Mrs. Rice's offense consisted in obstructing the corner of Pearl and Madison streets by addressing a crowd which was attracted there by the fervor of her preaching. She is very young, not being yet 18 years old, and both she and her husband are among the most remarkable people the police have had dealings with in a long time. Mrs. Rice is the daughter of the late Hon. F. W. Shields, of Toronto. The cowboy preacher has been arrested 70 or 80 times for obstructing the streets, and his wife has likewise been a prisoner in different cities for the same reason, and it has been their practice to pay no fine on such occasions. Rice says the present arrest is the result of spite. In court Mrs. Rice's dress was of fashionable cut, and a nobby sailor hat, with a stand-up collar and necktie, completed her attire. On her fingers she wore several diamond rings. "Not guilty," was her answer. A small fine was imposed, but the justice remitted the fine and Mrs. Rice was allowed to go. Her friends have secured Luther Laflin Mills to push a criminal case against the police for false arrest. Mrs. Rice preached from the same corner, and the police were defied.

THE VICTORIA WRECK.

LONDON, June 24.—It is not believed the full story can be obtained until the arrival at Malta of the Camperdown or some other vessel conveying the survivors from Victoria. Crowds of people remained all night before the admiralty office in the hopes of getting definite information in regard to the fate of relatives on board the ill-fated battle-ship Victoria. At 6 o'clock this morning the list of the saved was received, and the latter was posted on the bulletin boards in front of the office. When the list was read to the crowd, many touching scenes resulted. Some, overwrought by the strain of anxiety, fainted with joy when the name of a loved one was

CHRYNSKI AND FITZSIMMONS.

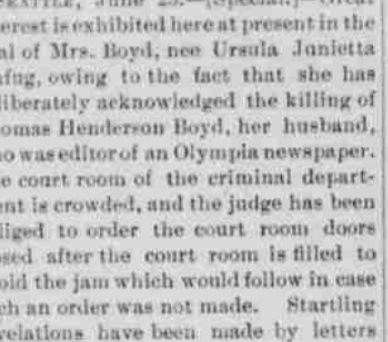
NEW YORK, June 24.—Articles for a contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Joe Choyanski, for a purse of \$15,000, have been signed by the latter's manager, and it only remains for Fitzsimmons' consent to consummate the match. Judge Newton, of the Coney Island Athletic Club, secured Choyanski's name to articles of agreement today, after a "warm argument" about the size of the purse. In speaking of the proposed battle, "Parson" Davies said today that if the purse did not suit Fitzsimmons, he will agree to wager \$5,000 on the outside that Choyanski will defeat him.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

Secretary Carlisle has directed the July interest on the 4 per cent bonds to be paid Monday. A suicide epidemic has broken out in Buda Pesth and other Hungarian towns. Seven cases of suicide were reported at Buda Pesth yesterday. Cases of insanity are increasing. The lunatic asylums are full. It has been decided that, owing to the large number of people who will attend the funeral of Senator Stanford the services will be held at the quadrangle of the university. The funeral oration will be delivered by Dr. Stebbins. Lawyer Jennings has no theory which he can sustain with proof as to who did commit the Borden murder. Nevertheless he says Miss Lizzie Borden and her sister will leave no stone unturned to discover, if possible, who the murderers are. The hunt is already on and will continue. A fearfully destructive cyclone passed through Williamstown, Kan., and the adjacent country half a mile wide and six miles long, accompanied by a down-pour of rain and the darkness of midnight. Ten dead bodies are already discovered, and it is known that at least five more were killed. Statue of Gladstone Unveiled. CHICAGO, June 25.—A colossal statue of William Ewart Gladstone was unveiled in the banquet hall of Dublin Castle, in the Irish village in the Midway plaisance, this afternoon. The statue, which is nine feet in height and stands on a 12-foot pedestal, is a facsimile of the one unveiled in 1882 in front of Bow street church, London, by Lord Carlington, and by the same sculptor (Bruce J. Jay, of London), who was present today and who was introduced to the audience. A New Treaty With China. LONDON, June 25.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Standard says Li Heng Chang, the Chinese premier, has intimated that a new treaty between China and the United States will be necessary in view of the present condition of the immigration question. Probably the new ministry will be charged with the task. Strength and Health. If you are not feeling strong and healthy, try Electric Bitters. If "la grippe" has left you weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. This remedy acts directly on liver, stomach and kidneys, gently aiding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with sick headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c. at Snipes & Kinersly's drug store.

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