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### THE SEAL TROUBLE

#### Another Serious Hitch in the Negotiations.

#### ENGLAND DON'T WANT ANY MODUS

#### Important Oregon Cases Decided in the Court of Appeals—Some Land Decisions

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Gen. Foster of the state department, who is assisting the president in Behring sea negotiations, had a long conference at the navy department this afternoon with Secretary Tracey and Commodore Ramsay, chief of the bureau of navigation. The conference, it is thought, related to the consideration of the course to be pursued by the navy in enforcing the contention of this government that pelagic sealing in Behring sea be wholly suspended pending a settlement of the controversy by arbitration. If Great Britain declines the proposition for a renewal of the modus vivendi this government will no doubt send all available vessels to Behring sea, soon enough, if possible, to control its approaches and prevent the entrance of all sealing vessels, American as well as others. Vessels available for this service are the Charleston, Baltimore, and Ranger, at San Francisco, Mohican, now on her way to Port Orchard, Wash., with the Nipic in tow, and the Yorktown and Boston now enroute to San Francisco from Callos. Revenue cutters Bear, Rush and Corwin now fitting out at San Francisco for the annual cruise to the seal islands, will also assist.

#### POSSIBILITY OF WAR.

#### Erasmus Wynas Says Trouble May Ensnare as a Consequence.

CHICAGO, March 13.—The well-known economist and financier, Erasmus Wynas, who is visiting here, talks seriously of war between England and the United States, as an outcome of the Behring sea complication. He said today in an interview: "The English government is under tremendous pressure from Canada, which is in the mood to insist that the Canadian sealers be protected and given equal rights with the Americans on the high seas. Besides, the coming contest in England makes it incumbent that a diversion of some kind be created to secure a Tory success at the polls. It is not improbable a vigorous foreign policy will cause trouble during the coming summer, in which the peace of the world may be threatened. Active hostilities are doubtful, but many a war has sprung from less serious causes. The threat of retaliation in the shape of the abolition of the bonding privilege, which allows goods destined to Canada to pass through the United States without duties and vice versa, would be a two-edged weapon, far more hurtful to the cities of the United States than to Canada. If this retaliatory measure is carried out, Canada, after suffering the terrible exclusion implied by the McKinley bill, will only solidify her adhesion to her British connections and strengthen her determination to keep independent of the United States."

#### COURT OF APPEALS.

#### Some Important Cases Pertaining to Oregon Interests are Decided.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The United States circuit court of appeals upheld the United States district court of Oregon in two of its decisions today. One was the case of Edwin Morton et al., vs. Mathias Jensen et al. Plaintiffs asserted that the defendants had infringed his patents for putting a can head onto automatically filled cans. The machine comprised about forty patents, all of which Morton claimed had been infringed by Jensen and his friends. United States District Judge Deady held that the patents had been infringed, and gave judgement for the plaintiffs. The court of appeals upheld the decision on all principal points. Two of minor patents were held to be not original. The master in chancery in Portland will assess the damages. This decision will effect all canneries on the Columbia river. In the case of the United States vs. the California and Oregon Land company, the court dismissed the appeal of the United States, Judge Hanford dissented. The original complaint asked that patents issued to the Oregon Central Military Road company be set aside, as the latter had not carried out the contract. The road had not been built.

#### Portland City Hall.

PORTLAND, March 10.—The city hall commission have decided to discharge the old plan for a building and adopt a new one. The old foundation, on which about \$40,000 have been spent, will be torn away and a new building entirely put in its place.

### THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

#### The Important Matters to Come Before the Two Houses.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The program for this week in the house will be the continuation of the tariff discussion. In all probability, Monday will be devoted to the business of the District of Columbia, and the tariff will occupy the rest of the week, unless Friday should be devoted to the private calendar. It is probable that executive sessions on the Behring sea and other matters will occupy the time of the senate during most of the week. In the number of bills passed over to the house for action. Many of them, it is true, are private relief bills, but some are of importance, and are sure to provoke a discussion when brought up. The house has sent the senate nothing but one or two appropriation bills, which have either been disposed of or are ready for disposition. Mr. Vest's bill to authorize by general law the construction of a public building for a postoffice in every town where the receipts justify it, is the pending unfinished business in the senate.

#### TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

#### The Father Fatally Burned in his Attempt to Rescue Them.

PORTLAND, March 10.—Advices from Marysville, Wash., state that John Seafeldt's house was burned Tuesday night and two of his daughters, aged 9 and 7 years perished in the flames. The family had retired, and were only awakened after the fire had gained considerable headway. The two girls, who were sleeping upstairs, were unable to escape. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The father in his attempt to rescue them, was probably fatally burned.

#### Some Land Decisions.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—In the case of the Oregon Railroad Co. vs. James Kirkendall, the assistant secretary sets aside the commissioner's decision in holding that land applied for by Kirkendall is not within the grant, that it is, and reverses the decision of the commissioner in the case of the Oregon California Railroad Co. vs. Andrew O. Brown, wherein the commissioner rejects the right of the company to said land, and the same action is taken in the case of said company vs. William H. Roff. All the land involved is in the Oregon City district.

#### Mexican Boundary Survey.

EL PASO, Tex., March 11.—The United States and Mexican Boundary Survey has at last completed its arrangements, and the party begin its slow march along the border the Pacific Coast today. The United States contingent is under the command of Colonel Barlow, and the Mexicans under Jose Blanco. It is estimated the trip will occupy twenty months.

#### Astoria Railroad Subsidy.

ASTORIA, Or., March 11.—Books of the guaranty subsidy company, incorporated yesterday to subsidize a railroad from Astoria to transcontinental connection, were opened this morning, and before 7 o'clock this evening the entire capital stock of \$400,000 was subscribed. This assures a railroad to Astoria.

#### Favorable Report.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The house public building committee has ordered a favorable report on bills making the following appropriations for public buildings: Boise, Idaho, \$100,000; Helena, Mont., \$150,000.

#### Committed to the Asylum.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Mrs. Sarah Althea Sharon Terry was today examined by the commissioners of insanity and formally committed to the state asylum for the insane at Stockton, Cal.

#### For the Behring Sea Service.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The United States steamer Thetis, which was surveying off the coast of Lower California, has arrived at San Diego and will be ordered to San Francisco to be fitted out for service in Behring Sea.

#### California Republicans.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The republican state committee, at a meeting held here at the Palace hotel this afternoon, decided to hold the state convention at Stockton, May 3.

Baker City is to have a baseball team this season, and it has been suggested that as Walla Walla could not go into the Northwest League, the old Pacific Interstate League may possibly be recognized.

A large orchard is to be planted on the lowlands near Bialock's station, below Walla Walla. About 125 acres have already been prepared, and a current wheel will pump water from the river for irrigation purposes. It is said these lands, when irrigated, produce unrivaled fruit.

### NATIONAL POLITICS

#### Watterson Calls on Cleveland to Withdraw from the Race.

#### BUT CLEVELAND STAYS WITH IT.

#### Boy Killed in a Prize Fight in East Portland—Other Matters of General News.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Henry Watterson, is an authorized interview today, virtually called upon Cleveland to withdraw from the presidential race. Watterson said the nomination of the ex-president would be suicidal for the democratic party. Hill, too, he believed had dug his own political grave in New York, and he regards the conflict as practically irreconcilable. The party, he says, must come west for a candidate, or seek him in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania or Maryland. In practically calling upon Cleveland to withdraw, Watterson rather scored that gentleman. Mr. Watterson said: "I never indulge very much in hero worship, and any good democrat whom the national convention may see fit to nominate will suit me. If I had to put a man in the White House, he would be Mr. Carlisle. I regard him the best equipped democrat in public life. He was a leading democratic tariff battler in congress when Cleveland was mayor of Buffalo. After Carlisle, anybody will suit if he does not come from New York. I object to a New Yorker because the factions there have made the nomination of any New Yorker impossible. I am most sincerely Cleveland's friend, but I contest the notion that he is our sole, our only, our most original Moses in the matter of tariff reform. He is as good a tariff reformer as any body, but but no better than half a dozen others who have equal claim with him to public confidence. I take it for granted that he will in due time withdraw his name." Being asked whom he thought were available candidates, Watterson mentioned, besides Carlisle, Palmer, Boise, Russell, Patterson and Gorman. In fact, said he, the woods is full of available candidates.

#### KILLED IN A PRIZE FIGHT.

#### Two Portland Boys Engage in a Fatal Fistic Encounter.

PORTLAND, Or., March 14.—A fatal prizefight was fought in a small patch of timber on Mrs. West's land, near the section line road, south of Brookdale, in East Portland, about 3:30 yesterday afternoon. The principals were Pearl Henderson, a young bookbinder, and Charlie Bell, a boy who works at Nan's drug store, at the Portland hotel. Henderson won the fight in the twenty-third round on a foul, but is now lying on a marble slab at the morgue, for he died at the ringside about half an hour after the fight was over. Young Bell gave himself up to the police authorities about 11 o'clock last night.

#### Reciprocity in Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The president today made public a reciprocity proclamation with Nicaragua, which republic agrees to admit, duty free, among other things: Living animals, corn meal, fresh and dried fruits, products of cotton seed, tar, rosin, turpentine, coal, wood and lumber, in the rough or prepared for building purposes, agricultural and horticultural tools, wagons, carts and handcarts, iron and steel for rails, bridges and fence wire, with or without bars, all kinds of machinery for agricultural purposes, animal power, forges, metal water pumps, hose, sledgemothers, mining drills, iron piping, crucibles, iron water tanks, galvanized iron for roofing, etc., lightning rods, printed matter, bolts of all kinds, gold and silver in bullion, bars or coin.

#### Cleveland is a Candidate.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 14.—The Daily Journal today published a letter from Grover Cleveland, which removes all doubt about his candidacy before the Chicago convention. Mr. Cleveland writes in a response to a letter from General Edward Bragg, of Wisconsin, the author of the famous phrase: "We love him for the enemies he has made."

#### Opposed to Restrictive Legislation.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—An unusual petition has been presented by the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal conference. It protests against further restrictive Chinese legislation, for the reason that it is intended to restrict missionary work in that country by provoking retaliatory measures.

#### By a Strict Party Vote.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—The house has passed, going by a strict party vote, the democratic congressional redistricting bill. It makes fourteen democratic and one republican district. The republicans may have a fighting chance in two other districts.