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JAPAN GAVE US A HINT.

Called America's Attention to Spanish Ownership of Islands Near Formosa.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

The steps taken by this government to complete its title to the Baschee and other islands to the north of Luzon, it is said, were due to representations made by Japan. After the acquisition of Formosa from China, Japan found the question of jurisdiction a troublesome one, because of the Spanish claim to islands near Formosa, and, after negotiations, the boundary line between the Japanese and Spanish possessions was fixed at 21 degrees 30 minutes, just south of Formosa and to the north of the Baschee islands.

The treaty of Paris, negotiated by the American and Spanish commissioners, which ended the war with Spain, provided for the cession by Spain of all islands within certain defined boundaries, the northern boundary being "a line running from west to east, along or near the 20th parallel of north latitude, and through the middle of the navigable channel of Bachi."

Rear-Admiral Bradford, chief of the naval bureau of equipment, who was the naval attaché of the peace commission, on examination of more detailed charts of the Philippines discovered that the Cabi and several other islands lay outside of the northern boundary and it is apparent that Japan made the same discovery. To avert this error, Secretary Hay, in the treaty for the purchase of the islands of Cayman, and Sibuyan for \$100,000, induced the Spanish government to agree to relinquish them.

The belief prevails here that Japan desired the United States to acquire a definite title to the islands north of the 20th degree of latitude rather than permit Spain to claim them for the purpose of selling them to Germany or some other power. Rear-Admiral Bradford says the islands are strategically important and it is important that this government should acquire them.

ADVANTAGE FOR SHAMROCK.

Sir Thomas Lipton Wants a Flying Start in the Cup Races.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A letter from Sir Thomas Lipton to the race committee of the New York Yacht Club asking that the conditions of the coming match be modified to allow a flying start and also that three weeks' time be allowed for preparation after the arrival here, instead of two weeks, as in the terms of agreement, is expected to arrive on the Germanic Friday. The committee will be called together as soon as it is received.

Members of the committee yesterday declined to make any statement regarding the probable action upon the requests, though one member stated that personally he was opposed to the flying start as it would give the Shamrock an advantage. Regarding the additional time for fitting out, it will be granted if necessary.

NINTH AMERICAN HANDICAP.

Great Shooting Competition Arranged for April 3rd on Long Island.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The conditions and date for the ninth American handicap have been determined by the Interstate Shooting Association, April 2, Interstate Park, Queens, L. I., has been announced as the time and place set for the famous trap shooting competition which will be renewed under practically the same regulations that have governed in the past four years.

Edward Banks, secretary of the organization, last night stated that the usual week of shooting in connection with the Grand American would be held, the program to begin on Monday, April 1, and continue to and including Saturday, of that week, the grand American being scheduled to begin on Wednesday.

The Grand American will have a

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The one important change in the live bird shoot will be in the method of handicap. In former Grand Americans the handicap was by distance solely, from 25 to 31 yards, rise. This year it will be from 25 to 33 yards, rise, with the addition of allowances to short marksmen, misses to count as kills for those at the shortest distances, misses as kills and misses as "no birds" for shooters just back of these, and misses as "no birds" for the gunners at intermediate marks, the straight handicap by distance ruling only for the back mark men under the scale adopted by the Interstate Park Association a few years ago.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association Will Meet in Walla Walla Next Year.

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—The Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association today selected Walla Walla as the place for holding the next annual meeting. A new list of officers was chosen today as follows:

President, N. G. Balok, of Walla Walla; secretary, C. E. Van DeWater, of Walla Walla; treasurer, W. S. Orr, of Walla Walla; vice-president, Oregon, E. L. Smith, of Hood River; for Washington, F. L. Wheeler, of North Yakima; for Idaho, L. A. Porter, of Lewiston; for Montana, S. M. Emery, of Bozeman; for British Columbia, J. R. Anderson, of Victoria.

BANK TELLER ARRESTED. Eluded Detectives Over Sixteen Years but Finally Located in British Columbia.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Feb. 6.—Chas. A. Hinchley, alias C. M. Morris, has been lured across the line and is now in jail in Concomully on the charge of stealing \$97,000 from the Westlake bank, New York, of which he had been the teller.

Hinchley disappeared in 1884 and was not heard from by the bank people until 1899, when a fire occurred in the Columbia hotel, at Columbia, B. C., 30 miles west of here, and a detective recognized him. He was arrested there but was released on a technicality.

MRS. LAWTON'S PENSION. House Committee Favors Cutting Senate Appropriation in Half.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The pension of the widow of General Lawton was today reported by the house committee on pensions at \$50 per month, a reduction from \$100 per month fixed by the senate. The reduction was due to a rule of the committee to report no bill above \$50 per month.

PRIZEFIGHT IN COURT. State Making Attempt to Prove Bout Would Be a Public Nuisance.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—The second day of the Jeffries-Rublin prizefight cases in court brought no indication as to when the hearing would be concluded. The state is making a most exhaustive effort to show that the two fights scheduled for this city February 15 would be a public nuisance.

MANCHESTER RETURNING EAST. Duke and Duchess Have Finished Their California Tour.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Lord and Lady, have returned here from Monterey. The party will go east this evening or tomorrow, over the Central and Union Pacific roads.

BOUGHT BY SALT TRUST. With Purchase of Carmichael Works Entire Coast Output Is Secured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—It is stated that the Federal Salt Company has obtained control of the Carmichael and works in the gulf of California and now controls the output of this coast.

REBELLIONS CONNECTED.

Venezuelan and Colombian Revolutionists Receive Aid From Opposing Governments.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A special to the Times from Washington says: It is beginning to be generally believed that a close connection exists between the revolutionists in Venezuela and Colombia. The two nations have been hostile for some time and this unfriendliness has lately been approaching an open breach. Neither wants war if the same result can be obtained by other means, and it is now reasonably certain that each government is encouraging the revolution against the other.

Gen. Urbides' last rebellion was crushed by the Colombian authorities. His present attempt to revive it is said to be due to the encouragement of President Castro's government, while the rebellion against Castro is said to receive similar support from the Colombian government.

"These things, however," said a gentleman of much diplomatic experience, "do not mean the same in these countries that they would in others—that is, they do not show any unity of policy on the part of the revolutionists and the government that encourages them. They have a personal rather than a political meaning. The revolutionary leader works in with the rival government to advance his personal ends and to reach an immediate result, and he may be found antagonizing that government tomorrow. These alliances and understandings shift so rapidly in such countries that it is impossible to keep track of them."

EARTHQUAKE SHOOK STEAMER.

Peculiar Experience of the Guatemala ON the Coast of Ecuador.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—A violent earthquake threw the steamer Guatemala partly out of the water and caused the vessel to tremble from stem to stern for at least a minute, off the coast of Ecuador during her last trip.

The shock took place when the Guatemala was five miles off the coast, about 100 miles south of Guayaquil, at 7:15 o'clock on the evening of January 6. On reaching Guayaquil it was learned that the most violent earthquake in the history of the place had taken place at the moment when the Guatemala had been so shaken. No serious damage was done.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO OTTAWA.

Japanese Consul-General for Canada Seeks to Prevent Legislation Against Japs.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—Selazhiro Shimizu, of this city, Japanese consul-general for Canada, is on an official visit to Ottawa bearing credentials from the mikado to the Canadian government. His special mission is regarding the position of Japanese residents in Canada as well as trade matters. While he admits that there is a strong feeling against the three thousand Japanese in British Columbia, he believes that the relations between Great Britain, Canada and Japan are too cordial to permit legislation against the Japanese.

N. P. LINES LEASED.

Canadian Northern Gets Manitoba Lines for Ninety Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Tribune says: President Melan of the Northern Pacific Company confirms the report that negotiations are pending for the lease of the lines of the Northern Pacific in the province of Manitoba to the Canadian Northern, which is backed by the provincial government. Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, has been in St.

Forewarned, Forearmed.

The liability to disease is greatly lessened when the blood is in good condition, and the circulation healthy and vigorous. For then all refuse matter is promptly carried out of the system; otherwise it would rapidly accumulate—fermentation would take place, the blood become polluted and the constitution so weakened that a simple malady might result seriously.

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Mrs. Henry Bagfield, of Cape May, N. J., says that twenty-one bottles of S. S. S. cured her of Cancer of the breast. Doctors and friends thought her case hopeless.

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Paul for the purpose of carrying on the details. The deal is practically completed and all that remains to be done is to arrange the exchange of business between the Canadian Northern and the Northern Pacific at the boundary line. It is said that the tracks of the Northern Pacific are to be leased for ninety years and that a part of the rolling stock is to be sold to the Canadian Northern.

LUMBERMEN CONFER.

British Columbians Wish a Tax Imposed on Imports From America.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—The lumbermen of British Columbia have been holding conferences with the parliamentary representatives from this province concerning the lumber tariff. A tax upon American lumber imported into Canada is urged.

At present local lumbermen claim that United States lumbermen can enter freely into the Canadian markets whereas British Columbians are required to pay a tax of 30 cents per thousand on shingles taken to the United States.

COPPER MINE SYNDICATE.

Britannia Mines, Near Vancouver, B. C., Consolidated.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—The Britannia group of copper mines was today consolidated into the Britannia syndicate, limited, by the acquisition of the undivided three-tenths interest of Leopold Rosowitz, the price paid for this interest being \$100,000.

The property is located on Howe sound, about thirty miles from this city. The interest of Rosowitz has been hitherto outside the control of the syndicate.

COAL STRIKE SETTLED.

All Colorado Mines Open With a Full Force of Men.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Feb. 6.—The coal strike in this section has been settled and all mines open today with a full force of men. This has been brought about through the instrumentality of Charles Duncan, national organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, and the official representative of President Mitchell for Kansas and Colorado.

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WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54c @ 55c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Wheat, May, 1901, cash, 97½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Wheat, May, opening, 74½c @ 74¾c, closing, 74½c.

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