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AN APPARENT BLUNDER.

L. N. Handy & Co., owners of the schooner *San-Diego*, which was seized in the Behring sea last year, have received from Washington a copy of a brief filed with President Cleveland by their attorney. Mr. Evans, and also a letter from Mr. Evans, in which he states that the British vessels, which were seized about the same time, have been released as the result of diplomatic correspondence.—*San Francisco Bulletin*, 5.

If the multitudinous dispatches from Washington about the Alaska seal fisheries mean anything, they mean that the administration has backed squarely out of the original correct position taken, and any one that wants to can go up to Behring sea and aid in the extermination of the fur seal.

Secretary of state Bayard is reported to have yielded the claim of United States jurisdiction transferred to this government by Russia at the time of the Alaska purchase by the United States twenty years ago; a jurisdiction exerted unquestioned by Russia for over a century.

It is said that Mr. Bayard's idea in yielding to England in the North Pacific is to strengthen the position of this country in the present discussion regarding the Atlantic fisheries.

There does not exist any similarity in the two cases. The Atlantic question is upon the interpretation of the treaty between the United States and England in 1818. The Pacific question admits of no curtailment or surrender other than humiliating on the part of our government.

All the rights that Russia had in Alaskan waters were transferred to the United States in the purchase by Secretary Seward in 1867. Russia's right to jurisdiction was unquestioned and that right was expressly stated in the bill of sale of $7,200,000 for Alaska. If an American secretary of state takes it on himself to raise this question and decide it adversely to his own country, it is, to say the least, a matter of regret.

When we acquired Alaska these fur seal possessions were not known, generally speaking, to the commercial world, and especially to Americans. The Russians had a line drawn from the middle of Behring straits, passing to the westward of the most western Aleutian island. They gave us not only all the land within that line, but marine rights as well, for there can be property in waters as well as in lands. The Russians intended that the Americans should maintain that marine jurisdiction just as they had done. It always has been a matter of wonder that Russia let us have those two fur seal islands. They were valuable, and they could very readily have omitted them from the rest of the concessions. The reason they let us have them was probably two-fold. The Russians kept themselves some islands near the Asiatic shores, to which these seals also repaired. They thought that the Americans, not understanding the fur seal business, would probably molest the seals, and that they would leave those exposed islands and go over to their breeding grounds. This has not been the case, because the Americans very soon grasped the situation, and made an important interest out of the fur seals. But Russia had another purpose in selling that general region to America. They wanted to put in the possession of a country habitually friendly with them, and which was also a naval power, the protection of these northern seas, being apprehensive that on questions of conquest toward Turkey and India they would one day fall out with England. Then they reasoned that with American money, and with Russia's military power, they could hold themselves against the British with success. The Russians have more ability in diplomacy than any other living race of statesmen; they see farther ahead, and they did not sell out Alaska from any small ordinary motives of gain. They wanted to put it out of their power to ever have any rupture with the citizens of the United States, and to bring America close to the Asiatic shores in friendly reciprocity with them. Mr. Bayard's attitude has dished the whole matter, if he has by his interpretation of maritime rights surrendered those four hundred miles of closed seas, which were formally declared closed by Russia one hundred years ago.

The law of exclusive government control of certain seas is of long standing; it goes back to Grotius, who wrote while Jamestown, Va., was being settled in 1609. At that time the Spanish and Portuguese claimed exclusive rights in navigation and fisheries on both the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans on the ground of papal grants and discoveries and long possessions. Grotius brought into the domain of international law that subject, and another writer named Gentillis at once asserted British sovereignty over the British seas. For a long time the Hollanders had to haul down their flags in the English channel when any English vessel came by. Another named Sarpi asserted the claim of Venice to the dominion of the Adriatic sea. Selden, another British writer, asserted the authority of the king of England over the sea as far as the shores of Norway, and Lord Hale sustained him. Finally the nations of Europe conceded the empire of England the right over her high seas, and James I. refused to give permission to any foreign vessels to pursue their enemies within certain boundaries of the British seas. Following the British rule, the United States have made it an offense to transship foreign goods within four leagues of the coast, and the supreme court of the United States has held this to be consistent international law. In short, the present position of nearly all countries is that each state can assert a jurisdiction seaward to the extent of its ability to maintain that jurisdiction from its shores.

The Romans made the Mediterranean a closed sea. The Americans hold that waters like the Chesapeake bay, Albemarle sound and Boston harbor are closed and are national property. Behring sea is as distinct an indentation as the Chesapeake bay. The Russians closed Behring sea, with territories on both sides, and, therefore, they claimed it to be private waters, and when they parted with one shore to the United States they intended that this country, with them, should possess exclusively those waters, and therefore they drew a line or boundary from the middle of Behring straits down the center of that closed sea.

Secretary Bayard's reported decision will not strengthen his case in the Atlantic and will doom to destruction the valuable fur seal property of the United States in Alaskan waters.

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Bill Scott: Albert Johnson.

Doors open at 8: Contest begins at 8:30.
Admission Fifty Cents.
Winner Takes the Gate Receipts.

Notice to Stockholders.

ASTORIA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. There will be a special meeting of the stockholders of this association at the County Court House on Wednesday evening, June 8th, 1887, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of amending the By-Laws and electing an auditing committee.

By order of Board of Directors.
A. S. REED, Sec'y.
Astoria, Or., May 7th, '87.

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OFFICE A. A. Q. M., FORT CANBY, W. T., April 15th, 1887.

SEALED PROPOSALS IN TRIPLICATE with copies of this advertisement attached and subject to usual conditions will be received at this office until 10 o'clock A. M., May 12th, 1887, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of such bidders as may attend, for the construction at this post of an ordnance store house.

Concerning materials, preference will be given to articles of domestic production and manufacture, conditions of price and quality being equal, and such preference will be given to articles of American production and manufacture produced on the Pacific coast, to the extent of the consumption required by the public service there.

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The United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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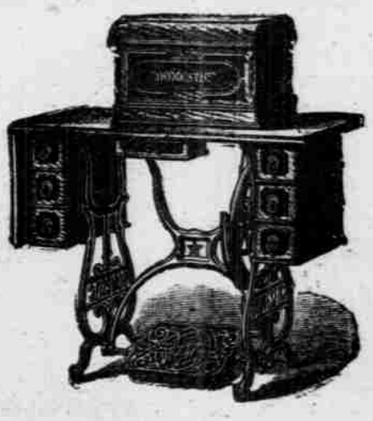

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