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At a spirited foot ball match near Glasgow the game became so exciting that several spectators leaped into the arena to take part. The police tried to restore peace, but were so determinedly opposed that 19 policemen were severly maimed and had to be sent to the hospital.

The smallest salary received by the head of a civilized government is that of the president of the Republic of Andorra, in the Pyrenees. His pay amounts to only $15 a year. He is the chief magistrate of 12,000 people, and the territory he rules comprises an area of 150 square miles. The little state has been independent since the year 790.

A fondness for animals led Charles Wagner, of Frackville, Pa., to caress a pet goat and tickle the animal's nose with a $10 bill. The goat snapped the bill from the man's hand and swallowed it. The money-eater was promptly cut open, and the pieces were found in his stomach. They will be sent to Washington for redemption.

Frank V. Balling, of Blue Island, Ill., was troubled with a stiffening of the ankle joint, and his physicians tried to ascertain the cause by subjecting the limb to the X-rays. The intense light caused the flesh to decompose, and three amputations of the leg were necessary. He sued his doctors, and the jury awarded him $10,000.

"Gelototherapeutists," says the New York Tribune, "is a name given to physicians who treat patients suffering from various diseases ranging from bronchitis to anaemia, by prescribing hearty laughter. A medical journal suggests that there is a great opening for physicians in studying various ways of exciting laughter, such as tickling, farcial comedies, puns, etc."

A correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung says that Madrid is becoming more and more demoralized every day. The present population, he says, includes 20,000 professional beggars, an equal number of abandoned women and 5,000 thieves; and there are hundreds of gambling houses. The total population of Madrid is but 472,000.

Hawks have been seen to follow in the wake of moving railroad trains, to swoop down on small birds that were suddenly disturbed and frightened by the noise, and therefore for the moment were off their guard.

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Russia has four universities at Kharkof, Juryeff, Warsaw and Helsingfoers, each attended by more than 1,000 students. The univeristy at Kief has 2,260 students, that at St. Petersburg 2,600 and that at Moscow 3,400.

Since 1883 military operations in the Soudan have cost the British government nearly $40,000,000. The exact figures are as follows: For 1883 and 1884, £360,697; for 1884 and 1885, £2,382,569; for 1885 and 1886, £4,348,044; for 1896 and 1897, £798,802.

A correspondent of the London Academy writes that a bookseller in a large provincial city recently discovered an assistant arranging four new copies of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" on the shelves devoted to books on gardening.

Dixie Thompson, the "bean king" of Ventura county, California, planted 20,000 acres of beans last year. The crop was 1,300 carloads, embracing more than 100 varieties. The beans were sown and cultivated in the same manner as corn, and were havested by special machinery.

A number of farmers in Sumner county, Kansas, have filed with the county commissioners a protest against the continuance of the bounty on wolf scalps. They claim that the wolves are of great benefit to the country as rabbit exterminators, and that they do little, if any, harm.

In the north of Brazil, in the districts in the vicinity of the Amazon, are the forests containing the rubber trees, the amount of this product exported last year being valued at $50,000,000, and the supply as yet showing no signs of exhaustion.

During the past year the exports of watches from Switzerland amounted to over $13,000,000. The watches went to almost all parts of the civilized world.

An artificial sandstone is now made in Belgium which has many advantages over the natural stone, being better able to resist climatic influences and susceptible of manufacture at small expense.

The pincer claws of the female of the blue crab, in both the hard shell and the soft shell state, are tipped with red, while those of the male crab are blue to the ends.

In a criminal prosecution recently tried in York, Neb., the jury after a brief deliberation, returned the following verdict: "We, the jury in the above named case, do not believe one word that the witnesses have sworn to; neither do we believe that any of the attorneys have spoken the truth, nor that either of them could do so even if he should care to take the trouble to try."

In 1898 Tennessee coal mines produced 3,084,748 tons of coal. The maximum number of men employed during the year was 7,820. The amount of coal converted into coke was 736,280 tons. The production of other materials was as follows: Iron ore, 597,777 tons; pig iron, 263,439 tons; copper, 89,712 tons; zinc, 454 tons; manganese, 1,250 tons, and phosphate, 272,191 tons. All minerals have shown increases over the previous year, those most marked being coal and iron ore. The increase in coal was 203,754 tons, and in iron ore, 69,013 tons.

In Great Britain during March changes in the rate of wages affected 331,400 work people. Of these, 329,900 received advances in wages, averaging 9½d. per head, while 1,500 persons suffered a decrease averaging 3d. per head. The net result was an increase of about 9¼d. per person in the weekly wages of all affected. The increase was mainly in the mining industry, where 204,808 persons participated; in the iron and steel manufactories, where 43,025 participated, and in the textile trades, in which 75,164 persons participated.

BOUNDARY FIGHT.

GREAT BRITAIN WANTS SLICE OF NEW GOLD FIELDS.

Contends that We Must Give Up Some of Alaska—Americans Construe the Meaning of the Treaty One Way, and the British See Another Way.

Aside from the Philippine war, the subject engrossing most public attention is the dispute between the United States and England over the line which cuts Alaska off Canada. The question, officially, is in the hands of an Anglo-American commission, whose report is being withheld by the two governments because, as it is reported, the commission could not agree upon terms. Where the matter will end nobody knows now, for both Uncle Sam and John Bull are anxious to get for their subjects as much of the gold land of Alaska and British Columbia as they can. This commission was assigned several other matters of agbitration or adjustment, but the boundary question is the one which demands the quickest settlement, for it is liable any day to create trouble between the two governments.

As to the Alaska boundary question, considered American territory. What historical or treaty right has Great Britain or Canada to such an outlet? The question is not an easy one to answer. Great Britain's title to British North America from the 141st degree of west longitude (meridian of Greenwich) rests, like that of the United States to Alaska, upon her treaty with Russia. Russia's right certainly was a vague one, and amounted at best only to a claim in regard to the vast interior of whose extent at the time she had no conception. Great Britain's title to the Northwest east of 141st degree of longitude has never been seriously questioned. It is only in regard to the southeastern part of the boundary line, which is formed irregularly by mountains and a line extending thirty miles from the coast, that there has arisen a question in recent years which has grown into great importance by the discovery of a new gold field in the Klondike region.

Now Is the Time to Act.

By the same treaty (1825) the free navigation of the Stikine river was granted, but this also at the time was regarded as of little importance. The discovery of gold in the Stikine changed the situation. As early as 1863 the British Colonist, an English newspaper of Victoria, B. C., perceived the desirability of Great Britain's acquiring in some way a depot on the Pacific for more than thirty miles across. On the other hand, the Hon. David Mills says that in pursuance of its method of determining the boundary the United States in many places has drawn its boundary line "more than 100 miles from the coast." To explain these divergent points of view it is necessary the nature of the Alaskan coast be understood, or at least that part of it, nearly 500 miles long, extending south by southeast from the body of the territory, as this is the part with which the boundary dispute concerns itself. As to this part of the Alaskan coast it may be said in general that a lofty mountain range extends from Observatory inlet to Cook's inlet and then sweeps toward the Asiatic side along the peninsula. A group, or several groups, of islands, many of them of considerable extent, lie off the shore and from Cross sound to Observatory inlet and the coast below to Puget Sound there is a series of islands which are so situated as to leave between them, as one writer upon Alaska has described it, "an unbroken line of inland navigation the most extraordinary in the world."

Would Claim Far Inland.

The British contend that, under international law, when an inlet, or arm of the sea, is less than six miles wide it is to be considered territorial water of the country in which it is situated,

MAP OF ALASKA, SHOWING TERRITORY IN DISPUTE.

Canadians are understood to want an outlet on Lynn canal at or near place marked or further down the coast. The boundary line, as given in the above map, is the American line. The Canadians contend that in general it should be drawn nearer the coast, and seek a port at the place indicated by the cross.

It is unfortunate that the commission failed to agree. As to which party is to blame for this non-agreement, there seems to be a general agreement. Scarcely had the commission been appointed before Ontario passed a decree practically prohibiting the export of logs. Not to be behind in international amity, British Columbia passed a law confining all mining privileges in that province to British subjects. The members had worked together in greatest harmony for the accomplishment of the great purpose of the commission, but since it was seen that provinces such as Ontario and British Columbia had it in their power to enact laws which might make of no effect a general settlement as proposed the difficulties have greatly increased.

A year ago a provisional boundary was agreed upon with the exception of a few miles of the Dalton trail at the end of Chilkoot pass from Pyramid harbor. At the same time the growing importance of the Alaska territory in dispute as furnishing the gateway to the El Dorado of the North impresses the necessity for the prompt settlement of the boundary dispute. To understand the difficulties of the case a historical and geographical review is necessary.

History of Question in Dispute.

By the Webster-Ashburton treaty of 1842 between the United States and Great Britain the northern and eastern boundaries were accurately defined from the Rocky Mountains to Mars Hill, at the eastern end of Maine. In regard to the northern and western boundary, after considerable discussion and diplomatic fencing, the question was left unsettled. Out of this boundary question grew the excitement which led to the adoption of the campaign cry, "Fifty-four forty or fight." How this old boundary question has been at least partially revived involves an interesting play of treaty against treaty and rights against rights. To understand it, it is necessary to go back to the ukase of the Emperor Alexander I. in 1822, by which he declared all the territory of the Pacific coast north of the fifty-first parallel of north latitude Russian territory, and by the same ukase made that part of the Pacific Ocean lying north of the fifty-first parallel of latitude in America to 49 degrees north latitude on the Asiatic coast a closed sea. The effect of this ukase was to exclude United States whalers from the Northern Pacific, an exclusion which the Government of the United States vigorously protested, and as a result, in 1824, by treaty between the two governments, the Northern Pacific was made an open sea.

Evaded War with England.

By the Oregon settlement of 1846 Great Britain got to the Pacific, that solution at the time being regarded as preferable to fighting or to a probable contest all along the Pacific coast with England for supremacy. The United States sacrificed the great Northwest in order to acquire New Mexico and California. Everything considered, that probably was the best solution. It gave the United States a compact territory, and, admitting that Canada and the United States are always to remain separate countries, it is but reasonable the former should have its outlet on the Pacific in British Columbia. By acquiring Alaska, however, in 1867, the British outlet in the Pacific now intervenes between parts of the United States. Curiously but naturally enough, Great Britain, or rather Canada, is now seeking another outlet to the coast, and this time through what, since the cession of Alaska to the United States thirty-two years ago, has always been this part of the British possessions. It affirmed that the strip of land stretching along from Portland Canal to Mount St. Elias, with a breadth of ten marine leagues, "must eventually become the property of Great Britain, either as the direct result of the development of gold, or for reasons which are now yet in the beginning, but whose results are certain." At that time the British Colonist looked forward to obtaining this strip from Russia either peaceably or forcibly, and conjured up a vision of the British lion and the Russian bear looking at each other from the opposite sides of Bering straits. Possibly Russia also may have felt that such a contest was coming and wisely saw that for her, situated as she was, it would be unprofitable. Not caring to stand at the door of British America on the Pacific, she probably counted upon making the United States doorkeeper. And this is a role that, until recently, would have been pleasant enough to the United States. The events of the last year have, however, greatly modified the traditional feeling between the two countries, and the present is, therefore, a most opportune time to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of all territorial or other questions at issue between the two countries.

Some of the Difficulties.

But to arrive at such a solution it is necessary to know where the equities lie. Those being determined, it is next requisite to ascertain what, if anything, the other party has to offer in return for waiving or yielding any of these equities. This is the difficult part of the subject. By the terms of the treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia, the provisions of which were adopted at the treaty of cession between Russia and the United States in 1867, the line of demarcation between Russian America, as it was then called, and Great Britain's North American possessions, was defined.

When this treaty was made it was supposed there was a range of mountains running down the entire coast, practically, thus forming a natural watershed and line of demarcation. The Russians cared only for a foothold along the coast, as it was with the fisheries they were concerned. The treaty, however, made provision as to how the boundary should be determined should it be found that at any place there is no such natural boundary by limiting the Russian (now United States) territory to a distance of ten marine leagues, or thirty miles, from the coast. The Canadian and British contention, as now made, turns upon the Portland canal. The British, at least until recently, have claimed that the words Portland canal or channel in the convention were a mistake for Behm canal, or Clarence inlet, or else that what is now called Portland canal was not then so called.

Construe Treaty Differently.

This difference in the respective American and Canadian boundary lines of the Alaska pan-handle strip arises from wholly different methods of construing the treaty. There are many intricate questions involved in the methods of construction. For instance, in determining the ten marine leagues from the coast to which, in the absence of a mountain chain, the American territory extends, shall sinuosities of the shore of the mainland be followed or should the line be run from headland to headland? Again, shall the line be considered to run ten marine leagues east of the outer shore of the islands? In that case in many instances the line would not reach the mainland, as some of the islands are and that what is known as the three-mile limit would apply. The British and Canadians assert that the territorial waters of the United States commence at Point Bridget, at the mouth of Berner's bay, where the Lynn canal is less than six miles wide, and that consequently ten marine leagues from Point Bridget would make the boundary line at Point Seduction. This would place Dyea twenty-two miles within British territory and Skaguay sixteen. The United States, however, in its maps has followed the coasts of inlets, especially of such great inlets as those along the Alaskan coast, where the water is salt and of great depth, and plainly a part of the ocean. Even granting the British contention that in the case of the Lynn canal the territorial waters begin at Point Bridget, the American settlements at Dyea and Skaguay, Katshin and Pyramid harbor, were made in good faith and at a time when there was no question as to whether they were in American territory. Following the precedent established by Great Britain herself in the Venezuelan case, these places, in case of the boundary line being submitted to arbitration, should be excepted. To regard the coast line as running across the heads of inlets, when they are more than thirty-three miles long, as the British contend it should, would affect the territory bordering upon the Lynn canal, especially the White and Chilkoot passes, which, according to American contention, are within ten marine leagues of the coast, but not according to the British contention. It is now practically or provisionally agreed that the boundary line crosses the White and Chilkoot passes, as while these do not constitute a mountain chain, they may be said to serve the purpose of a mountain barrier and thus come within the meaning of the treaty of 1825.

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