BLAINE SPEAKS OUT

On England's Inconsistency in the Bering Sea Controversy.

ANOTHER NOTE TO SALISBURY.

Rights of the United States in Bering Sea Clearly Set Forth.

SALISBURY ACCUSED OF PERVERSION

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The following note from Secretary Blaine to Sir Julian Pauncefote, in addition to the correspondence that has already passed in relation to the Bering Sea controversy, is made public:

"DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, April 14.

"SIR—The modifications which Lord Salisbury suggests in the questions for arbitration do not wholly meet the views of the President, but the President changes the text of the third and fifth in such manner, it is hoped, as will result in an agreement between the two Governments. While Lord Salisbury suggests a different mode of procedure from that embodied in the sixth question, the President does not understand him actually to object to the question, and, therefore, assumes that it is agreed to. The six questions, as now proposed by the President, are as follows:

"First—What exclusive jurisdiction in the sea now known as the Bering Sea, and what exclusive rights in the seal fisheries therein did Russia assert and exercise prior and up to the time of the cession of Alaska to the United States?

"Second—How far were those claims of jurisdiction as to the seal fisheries recognized and conceded by Great Britain?

Rights in Bering Sea.

"Third—Was the body of water known as the Bering Sea included in the phrase 'Pacific Ocean,' as used in the treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia, and what rights, if any, in the Bering Sea were held and exclusively exercised by Russia after said treaty?

"Fourth—Did not all the rights of Russia as to jurisdiction and as to the seal fisheries in Bering Sea, east of the water boundary described in the treaty between the United States and Russia, of March 30, 1867, pass unimpaired to the United States under that treaty?

"Fifth—Has the United States any right, and if so, what right of protection or property in the fur seals frequenting the islands of the United States in Bering Sea, when such seals are found outside the ordinary three-mile limit?

"Sixth—If the determination of the foregoing questions shall leave the subject in such position that the concurrence of Great Britain is necessary in prescribing regulations for the killing of the fur seal in any part of the waters of Bering Sea, then it shall be further determined, First, how far, if at all, outside the ordinary territorial limits it is necessary that the United States should exercise an exclusive jurisdiction, in order to protect the seal for the time living upon the islands of the United States and feeding therefrom; second, whether a closed season (during which the killing of seals in the waters of Bering Sea outside the ordinary territorial limits shall be prohibited) is necessary to save the seal fishing industry, so valuable and important to mankind from deterioration or destruction? And if so, third, what months or parts of months should be included in season and over what waters it should extend.

Damage to English Vessels.

"The President does not object to the additional question respecting alleged damage to English ships, proposed by Lord Salisbury, being added, namely, that after the issues of the arbitration are joined, if the United States shall prevail, all the seals taken by Canadian vessels during the period shall be paid for at the ordinary price for which skins are sold.

"Lord Salisbury complains that I did not deal with certain protests written by Lord Londonderry and the Duke of Wellington in 1822, which he had before quoted. If he will recur to the 26th and 27th pages of my dispatch of December 17, he will observe that I especially dealt with these; that I maintained, and I think proved from the text, that there was not a single word in those protests referring to the Bering Sea, but that they referred, in the language of the Duke of Wellington of the 17th of October, 1822, only to the lands extending along the shores of the Pacific Ocean from latitude 40° to latitude 60° north.

Protest of Lord Londonderry.

"In the first paragraph of Lord Londonderry's protest of January 18, 1822, addressed to Count Lieven, of Russia, he alluded to the matters in dispute as especially connected with the territorial rites of the Russian crown on the northwest coast of America, bordering on the Pacific Ocean, and the commerce and navigation of His Imperial Majesty's subjects in the seas adjacent thereto.

"From these and other pertinent facts, it is evident that the protests of Lord Londonderry and the Duke of Wellington had nothing whatever to do with the points now in issue between the American and British Governments concerning the waters of the Bering Sea.

"In Lord Salisbury's judgment the contention of the United States now rests wholly upon the ukase of 1821 by the Emperor Alexander I. of Russia. The United States has at no time rested its argument solely on the ground mentioned, and this Government regrets that Lord Salisbury should have so misapprehended the American position as to limit its basis of right in Bering Sea to the ukase of 1821. The United States has, among other grounds, insisted, without recurring to any of its inherited and superior rights in Alaska, that this Government has as full authority for going beyond the three-mile line in case of proved necessity as Great Britain possesses.

Sample of British Inconsistency.

"Two or three instances of the power Great Britain exercises beyond the three-mile line have already been quoted, but have failed thus far to secure comment or explanation from Lord Salisbury. Another case can be added which perhaps, is still more to the point. In 1889, only two years ago, the British Parliament enacted a law, the effect of which is fully shown by a map inclosed herewith. (The map referred to represents a triangular sheet of water, with the apex formed by three small firths or bays. The great body of water is nameless on the map. Across the base of the triangle is the line of exclusion, measuring 85 miles, and the two sides are 50 miles and 62 miles long, making the total inclosed area 2,709 square miles.)

"Far outside the three mile line, the Parliament of Great Britain has attempted to control a body of water situated beyond the northeastern section of Scotland, 2,709 square miles in extent and to direct that certain methods of fishing shall not be used within that great body of water under a prescribed penalty. It will be observed that the inhibition is not alone against British subjects, but against any person.

Quite a Pertinent Question.

"If Great Britain may thus control an area of 1,007 square miles of ocean on the coast of Scotland, why may not the United States prescribe a space around the Pribyloff Islands, in which similar prohibitions may be enforced? It must not escape observation that the area of water outside the three-mile line on the coast of Scotland, whose control is assumed by Great Britain, is as large as would be found inside a line drawn from Cape Cod to Portland harbor, on the New England coast.

"Lord Salisbury reasserts his contention that the words Pacific Ocean at the time of the treaty between Russia and Great Britain did include Bering Sea. Undoubtedly the Pacific Ocean includes Bering Sea in the same sense that the Atlantic Ocean includes the Gulf of Mexico, and yet it would be regarded as a very inaccurate statement to say that the Mississippi river flows into the Atlantic Ocean. I think Lord Salisbury fails to recognize the common distinction between the Atlantic Ocean and the waters of the Atlantic. While the Mexican Gulf is not a part of the Atlantic Ocean, it would, I am sure, comport with general usage to say that it belonged to the waters of the Atlantic, and while Bering Sea is not technically a part of the Pacific Ocean, it undoubtedly belongs to the waters of the Pacific.

No Geographical Dispute.

"The English Channel would not ordinarily be understood as included in the term Atlantic Ocean. One would not say that Dover or Calais is on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, and yet clearly the English Channel belongs to the waters of the Atlantic. In point of fact therefore, according to the usage of the world, there is no dispute of any consequence between the two Governments on the geographical point under consideration. The historical point is the one at issue.

"The explanatory note from Russia, filed in the State Department of this country, specially referred to in Mr. John Quincy Adams' diary, and quoted in my note of December 17, 1890, plainly draws a distinction between the Pacific Ocean on the one hand and the Sea of Okhotsk, the Sea of Kamschatka and the Icy Sea on the other; and so long as Russia drew that distinction it must apply so, and must absolutely decide all the contention between the two countries, as far as the waters of the Bering Sea are concerned. To discuss this point further would, in the opinion of the President, contribute nothing of value to the general contention.

"In the opinion of the President, Lord Salisbury is wholly and strangely in error in making the following statement: 'Nor do they (the advisers of the President) rely, as a justification for the seizure of British ships in the open sea, upon the contention that the interests of the seal fisheries give to the United States Government any right for that purpose, which, according to international law, it would not otherwise possess.'

Holds Just the Opposite.

"The Government of the United States has steadily held just the reverse of the position which Lord Salisbury has imputed to it. It holds that the ownership of the islands upon which the seals breed; that the habit of the seals in regularly resorting thither and rearing their young thereon; that their going out from the islands in search of food and regularly returning thereto, and all the facts and incidents of their relation to the islands, give to the United States a property interest therein; that this property interest was claimed and exercised by Russia during the whole period of its sovereignty over the lands and waters of Alaska, and that England recognized this property interest, so far as recognition is implied, by abstaining from all interference with it during the whole period of Russia's ownership of Alaska, and during the first 19 years of the sovereignty of the United States.

"It is yet to be determined whether the lawless intrusion of Canadian vessels in 1886 and subsequent years has changed the law and equity of the case theretofore prevailing.

"I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, sir, your most obedient servant,

"JAMES G. BLAINE."

TRICKS OF THE OIL TRADE.

A REPUTED THORN RUN DUSTER IS A FAIR GUSHER NOW.

How Its Owners Fooled Outsiders Until They Gobbled Up Surrounding Territory — Wildwood Routine News — McCurdy Excited Over a Producer—Other Fields.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WILDWOOD, May 7.—The Wildwood field looks decidedly blue. The southwest end apparently is done for, unless John Peepbles' No. 3, which is 15 feet in the sand to-night, should, on deeper drilling, find something to reverse the order of things. The Roth Oil Company, on the L. Peepbles farm, No. 2 was shot yesterday and is making 160 barrels a day, and No. 3, same farm, was also shot to-day, which for a short time increased its production to 30 barrels an hour. The old Alston well for the past 24 hours shows a gauge of 44 inches, or about 110 barrels. They were looking for the sand in No. 3, same farm, some time to-night, and No. 4 Alston is drilling in the sand and showing for a 15 or 20-barrel well. No. 1 Campbell is through the sand and making naturally 12 or 15 barrels a day, and Campbell No. 2 is also through the sand and is n. g., but may be converted into a small well by the administration of a good-sized shot of high explosive.

Greenlee & Forst's Good farm well is reported to be doing about 100 barrels a day. Beers & Co., on the Kuhler's No. 1, is in the sand from 12 to 15 feet, with only a smal show of oil. Griffith, Miller & Co. put in the last string of casing to-day in Ringheisen No. 6. The Smith Farm Oil Company, on the Smith farm, has the last string of casing in its No. 10, and Black & Co., on the Murray heir's also got the last casing in their No. 4 to-day.

Waterhouse well, on the Whitesell farm, Harley Case, is doing 196 barrels a day. Kennedy & Co. shot their No. 3 to-day with some improvement. Black & Waterhouse are moving the rig from the dry hole on their 40 acres. Finch-Whitesell farm, 300 feet west and close to the Bowman line, and will drill a well as soon as possible. Bowman & Co., just opposite Black & Waterhouse's rig, is meeting this warlike manifestation by building two rigs.

Black & Co. are having a rig up ready for the drill on the Babb farm, about 1,000 feet nearly north of the Waterhouse producer. The old Whitesell No. 2, Griffith & Co., is making about 300 barrels a day and is the largest well in the field. This is a sad commentary on the spouting southwest of only a short time ago, and also demonstrates the fact that the Whitesell is one of the most wonderful wells in the history of the white sand pools.

Tricks of Trade at Thorn Run.

THORN RUN—Since the beginning of the oil industry many sharp games have been played in mystifying wells when in the sand. About the shrewdest trick in the line is reported in the Thorn Run pool. The well in question belongs to the Kanawha Oil Company, and is on the Onstott farm. This well was reported through the sand and dry a powder horn, but after the party secured additional territory the venture has turned out a producer.

It has now leaked out that Tom King, an old timer, and an adept in handling wildcat wells, has played a winning card, and gave those who were watching the result of the well a false scent. The manner in which Tom worked the scheme was unique. When he discovered they had found oil he unscrewed about 25 feet of the casing, pulled it out, plugged it up tight, and then screwed it back on again. Then, to avert suspicion, he put a loose plug in the top of the casing, which could be taken out by anyone. When the company had secured what territory it wanted, the plug was removed and the well drilled in, which is now doing 50 barrels a day according to pipe line reports.

This is one of the most important wells drilled in this field for some time, as it is about midway between Thorn Run developments and the Moon pool, which are about three miles apart. The result of this well has opened many acres of prospective territory and makes the theory of a connection between the two places highly probable.

W. L. Mellon's No. 4 Logan is in the sand and showing for a 75-barrel well.

A Ripple of Excitement at McCurdy.

MCCURDY—A little breeze was created in the McCurdy field to-day by Black & Co.'s well, on the Menke farm, 1½ miles northeast of the McCurdy pool, on a 22° line. This well has been reported as a big gasser, but upon deeper drilling found a pay from which the well is spraying at the rate of 18 barrels a day this evening.

When the scout who brought in the information left the well the digging was good, and he looked for an improvement. The pipe line people are putting in a line, and will connect to the tank as soon as possible.

The Elk County Pipe Line.

ELK COUNTY—The Elk County Independent Pipe Line is running in full blast, and handling about 8,600 barrels a week, or a little over 1,200 barrels a day. The outlook for operations this season in this field is that operations will not be brisk, as all the available territory is owned by a syndicate, who will not drill at the present price of oil.

The Fisher Company's Work.

CLIFF MINES—The Fisher Oil Company finished drilling the 100-foot sand, in which the well was dry. It intends drilling down to the 30-foot. The same company commenced spudding to-day on the Adamson No. 2, and is building a rig for No. 3 on the same farm.

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Yesterday's Prices and Runs.

Nobody wanted to sell oil yesterday, showing that expectations are entertained of better prices. There was a bid of 70½ for cash and 72½ for June. This was the only market.

Refined held to its former position, with an inclination to bob up. Average daily runs were 66,063; average daily shipments, 52,507; average daily charters, 25,928.

OIL CITY, May 7.—National Transit certificates opened at 71½c; highest, 71½c; lowest, 71½c; closed, 71½c; sales, 81,000 barrels; clearances, 44,000 barrels; charters, 15,725 barrels; shipments, 108,275 barrels; runs, 132,776 barrels.

BRADFORD, May 7.—National Transit certificates opened at 71½c; closed at 71½c; highest, 72½c; lowest, 71½c; clearances, 46,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Petroleum continues dull and the volume of business is very small. The market opened steady, and after moving up ¼c became dull and remained so until the close. Pennsylvania oil, spot, closing, 71¼c; June option: Opening, 71½c; highest, 71½c; lowest, 71¼c; closing, 71¼c. Lima oil closing at 18c; total sales, 18,000 barrels.

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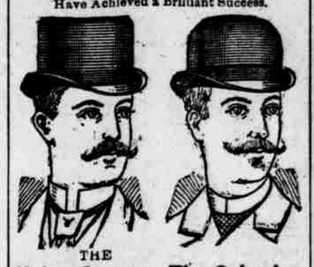

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