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TO PROTECT THE SEALS

Important Features of the Bering Sea Negotiations.

OFFER OF UNITED STATES Will Suspend Slaughter on Pribilof Islands.

The American Proposition Includes the Pribilof Islands in the Proposed Suspension of Seal Killing for a Term of One Year—Question of the Lease of the North American Commercial Company.

Washington, Nov. 22.—One of the most important features of the Bering sea negotiations not heretofore disclosed is that in the event that Great Britain and Canada consent to a suspension of seal killing for one year, the United States at the same time will agree to a suspension of all killing of seals for one year on the Pribilof Islands, constituting the American seal possessions in the Bering sea.

The intention of the United States was primarily for the suspension of seal killing, but under the exigency of the case it was felt that a suspension of seal killing would be secured if the case were reasonable to concede a similar suspension within our own territory. It was in this form that the first proposition took shape.

QUESTION OF LEASE. This brings up the question of the lease of the North American Commercial company, giving it the exclusive right to take seals on the Pribilof islands. The lease was made in 1895 for a term of twenty years. Under this lease the company has taken about 16,000 seals annually on the island.

IN THE EVENT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN AND CANADA, THE RIGHTS OF THE COMPANY, WHICH NECESSARILY WOULD TERMINATE FOR A YEAR, IT IS SAID THE RIGHT OF EMITTING SEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY FOR VACATING THE LEASE FOR THIS PERIOD WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE WISHES OF THE COMPANY.

CUBAN AS A MEXICAN ANNEX. The Big Republic Would Like to Absorb the Island. City of Mexico, Nov. 22.—The question of the future of Cuba, according to reports, owing to the talk of a possible union of the island with the Mexican republic in case of its ultimately gaining its independence, which Mexicans hope to see.

DEFENSE OF A WOMAN TEACHER. Mechanicsburg, Pa., Nov. 22.—Miss Clara M. Kust, the resigned assistant principal of the high school, who had trouble with Principal Miller over grade marks, has made affidavit of "this untruthful statement to the governing committee," and the school is now steadily unable to teach any longer under Professor Miller, and subject may assist to the probability of similar attacks in the future.

STEWART IN FIRE. London, Nov. 22.—The British steamer Wistow Hall, Captain Jones, which arrived at Havre yesterday from New Orleans, reported that number one had been blown off the ship. It was a heavy sea, and the vessel was pitching and rolling.

BERNSTEIN FIGHTS A DRAW. Pittsburgh, Nov. 22.—Jack McMillan, of Pittsburgh, fought Joe Bernstein, of New York, eight rounds to a draw tonight before a large audience. The bout was one of the best seen here for a long time.

TRAILED AN INDIAN BY TROLLEY.

Poor Lo Was Chased by Policemen and a Crowd. Newark, N. J., Nov. 22.—Wille Bomba, an Oklahoma Indian attached to a museum located on Market street, several feet below, a crowd of fully 200 persons and a chase on a trolley car furnished excitement in this city today.

When the detective went to Tanner's house Bomba dropped out of the second story window and boarded a New York trolley car. Koeber sprang aboard the next car. The pursuing car tore over the rails at the rate of 20 miles an hour, leaving a cloud of dust in its wake and causing people on the street to believe that it was running away.

SILVER SMELTERS MEET. Representatives of the Largest Ore Refining Plants in the West Hold a Conference in New York.

New York, Nov. 22.—A conference was held in this city today between representatives of the largest silver smelting and refining works in the United States. The conference, which opened on Monday, is expected to continue through the week. One of those present at the conference today said:

SIX YEARS FOR MEIXELL. The Bank Officials of South Bethlehem are Sentenced. Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—John B. Meixell, ex-cashier, and Willis E. Haeb, ex-teller of the South Bethlehem, Pa., National Bank, were sentenced by Judge Butler, in the United States district court, to six years and six months at hard labor in the Eastern penitentiary.

YELLOW FEVER RESULTS. Report of Cases Issued by Surgeon General of Marine Hospital. Washington, Nov. 22.—According to the last weekly report issued by the surgeon general, the Marine hospital service, giving the returns up to the 19th instant, there had appeared during the yellow fever epidemic in the south a total of 1,290 cases, of which 466 had proved fatal.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES. President McKinley Explains the Meaning of the Word "Renovated." Washington, Nov. 22.—President McKinley today has his amendment of July 27 to rule two of the civil service rules adopted by the House of Representatives, which reads: "The word 'renovated' shall mean repaired or renewed by the use of new material."

NEW POSTOFFICE RULES. An Edict Calculated to Make Postal Express Business Obnoxious. Washington, Nov. 22.—Assistant Postmaster General Merrill has issued an order stating that it is not permissible to write upon third or fourth class mail matter or its wrapper, or to print or write upon second class matter, or to wrap directions relative to delivery.

SHOOT WHILE HUNTING. Newark, N. J., Nov. 22.—Assistant Assessor, widely known as a rifle shot, who came from New Jersey a few months ago to assume the management of the Pine Point house at Orange Lake, six miles from Newark, was accidentally shot by a friend while out hunting today. Apgar was wounded in one of his legs.

BUN DOWN BY A TRAIN. Warsaw, Ind., Nov. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. John Borsman and a young child, who resided at Berklet, this county, were driving across the Nickel Plate railway near Clayport yesterday afternoon when they were run down by a train.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS. Washington, Nov. 22.—The Pennsylvania pensions have been issued. Original—William E. Kirby, Carbonade; John Bart, Forest City, Susquehanna; William F. Jones, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne; and Mrs. Mary Kelly, Toltobanna Mills, Luzerne.

ADVANCE FOR BREAKER EMPLOYEES. Hazleton, Pa., Nov. 22.—The breaker employees at A. S. Van Winkle's Colliery company were greatly surprised upon receiving an increase in their wages of five cents per day.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION. Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Two men, Robert Henry and Robert Starr, were killed by the explosion today of a boiler used to supply steam for three comm-

THE LOVERING COURT MARTIAL

Captain of the Fourth Infantry on Trial at Chicago. RED TAPE MARKS PROCEEDINGS.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Captain Leonard A. Lovering, of the Fourth infantry, stationed at Fort Sheridan, appeared before a court martial at that post today to stand trial on the charge of "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline." The specific charge is causing Private Hammond to be dragged over the ground by the heels from the guard house to the officers' regimental adjutant, because Hammond had refused to walk.

The first witness was Lieutenant John J. Bognard, the officer of the guard on the day Hammond was dragged. He testified that he ordered Hammond to appear before the summary court and that the latter refused to go.

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THE STAY OF LEWIS HAINES PROPOSED MARRIAGE TO HIS WIDOW. Bidway, Pa., Nov. 22.—The jury in the case of Frederick Rockwell, charged with the murder of Lewis Haines, on Thursday evening returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

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New York, Nov. 22.—The steamer Saratoga, from Havana, having on board the released members of the Competitor filibustering expedition, has been reported entering the harbor. The men are Captain Alfredo Laborda, William Gillen, Ona Melton, William Lewis and Charles Barret, an Englishman. The five men were in fairly good health and excellent spirits on reaching quarantine.

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MINE INSPECTORS WILL BE WATCHED

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Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—A Harrisburg special to the Press says: "It is not likely that the election of mine inspectors of this state will be a success under Robert Brownlee, new chief of the Bureau of Mines. The inspectors have heretofore been their own masters and have done about as they pleased."

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THE LA LUCHA'S INDEPENDENCE

Insists That the United States Favors Filibustering. CUBAN TARIFF QUESTION Causes Heated Discussions at MADRID.

Havana, Nov. 22.—La Lucha, in an editorial today, says that in spite of all the protest of friendship Spain has given in the United States, in a manner without precedence in history, she has not received in exchange from the government of the republic any thing signifying the purpose of that government to put a stop to the departure of filibustering expeditions from the United States.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Rain; Colder.

General—Spain Desires More Proof of Friendship. Court Martial of Captain Lovering. Commission by the United States in the Seal Negotiations.

Local—Board of Control Meeting. First Sleigh Ride of the Season. Local—West Side and Suburban. Lockaway County News. Neighboring County News. The Markets.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Nov. 22.—Arrived: Nomadic, Liverpool; Arrived: Obdam, Rotterdam, Sailed: Amsterdam, Rotterdam.

Result of Australian Fire. Melbourne, Victoria, Nov. 22.—As a result of the fire which broke out at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and destroyed within three hours an entire block of buildings bounded by Elizabeth, Flinders and Swanston streets and Flinders lane, with the exception of two buildings on the Swanston street front, the insurance companies have offered to pay \$250,000.

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