

THE BEHRING SEA DISPUTE

President Harrison Said to Be Preparing a Message to Congress on the Subject.

Britain's Arbitration Proposal to Be Rejected on the Ground that It Is Too Narrow—What He Is Alleged to Be in Favor Of.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald says: "President Harrison expects to accompany his transmission to Congress of the further papers relating to the Behring sea controversy with a special message of some length. In this message he will express his views respecting the rights and claims of the United States connected with the seal fisheries, the comparative merits of the conduct and position of the two governments since the first seizures, in 1886, and the duty of Congress in the present position of the question. The message will be framed with especial reference to the now pending proposal of the British government for arbitration, which proposal it is alleged to reject before any communication is made to Congress. The rejection of the proposal will effect a practical, if not complete, suspension of diplomatic efforts for a settlement, there being no expectation that either government will bring forward any offer for a renewal of negotiations after the impending rejection of the British tender of arbitration has been notified by Mr. Blaine to Sir Julian Pauncefote.

The personal bitterness between Mr. Blaine and Lord Salisbury that has arisen out of the course of the negotiations is perceived here to constitute a material objection to a continuance of efforts toward a settlement, especially after the diplomatic relations between the two governments shall have been further strained by the energetic manner in which Mr. Blaine is preparing to show up the hollowness and emptiness of the British arbitration project. It is because of the seemingly hopelessness of the prospect of a settlement by peaceful means, and of the necessity of almost immediately resorting to a new course of conduct for the United States, that the President has determined to lay the matter before Congress and to apply for legislative assistance in shaping and enforcing the policy of the immediate future.

The pending British proposal is to refer to the determination of a friendly and impartial arbitrator the question whether the seizures of British sealing vessels by the United States in 1886, 1887 and 1888 were or were not lawful seizures. The proposed submission of the case to arbitration the President strenuously objects to, and he never will agree to it unless Congress shall assume the responsibility in some mode of yielding adherence to it. The grounds of the President's objection are, first, that he will explain to Congress. The principal ground, however, is that the form of submission would preclude the arbitrator from giving effect in his decision otherwise than argumentatively or collaterally to those duties of comity and good neighborhood which, as the President contends, are owed by Great Britain to the United States in respect to the seal fisheries of Behring sea. Those duties, as the President conceives, arise partly out of the relation to the natural and partly out of the historic circumstances and conditions of the case, and he will neither ask nor accept the award of an arbitrator upon the controversy unless Great Britain distinctly agrees in the articles of submission that the legality of the seizures shall depend, so far as in reason and justice it ought to depend, upon a consideration of those circumstances and conditions.

LEGALITY OF THE SEIZURES. What the President holds to be the natural circumstances that properly affect the question of the legality of the seizures are: First, the logical impossibility of carrying on any known method of marine sealing without a rapid extinction of the seals by the unavoidable killing of a great proportion of females, and, second, the inevitable and total destruction of every sealing industry that has hitherto been subjected to the methods of marine sealers. For nearly twenty years prior to the seizure of Alaska to the United States foreign governments and subjects, so the President will remind Congress, respected the right of Russia to control and monopolize the seal fisheries of Behring sea. The cession of Alaska divided the rookeries, Russia retaining a part and the United States the other part; but the President will hold to Congress that this partition left other powers and people in exactly the same relation to the seal fisheries as before. The non-disturbance of the protective right assumed by this country over the Behring sea seal fisheries for nearly twenty years past, in possession of Alaska is greatly relied upon by the President to establish the right of the United States, and he will not agree to an arbitration that does not place the right to be directly given to this acquisition in American jurisdiction.

The President will give Congress distinctly to understand that in the present state of the matter he perceives neither authority nor reason to abstain next season from a literal enforcement of the provisions of law for the protection of the fur seal in Alaska and the waters thereof. He will ask Congress for a liberal appropriation to meet the existing and future out-chartered vessels to serve as revenue vessels in sufficient number and character to capture and dispose of the remaining stragglers expected to enter Behring sea next June and July. He will not refer to measures of defense against any steps that Great Britain may possibly take for the protection of Canadian sealers from our revenue vessels. He does not wish to appear to anticipate such counter-action by England, nor by Germany, in the event of German vessels taking part in the marine sealing of next season, as heretofore reported.

If Congress grants an appropriation for the enforcement of the sealing law in Behring sea, the President will accept such action as a pledge of resistance to the utmost, if Lord Salisbury should so far force the issue. If no appropriation is granted, or if the debate shows a controlling indisposition to proceed to a hazard of war upon the seal question, the revenue vessels will be instructed simply to warn foreign sealing vessels next season, but not to lay hands upon them. And in that case the President will feel it incumbent on him to facilitate the resumption of negotiations for the purpose of ascertaining the best terms of settlement that can be extorted from the British desire for a termination of the controversy. Personally the President believes in fighting to an end next season, but the gravity of the possible consequences forbids him to commit the government to an irrevocable course without first obtaining the opinion and sanction of Congress.

The British Programme. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.—Confidential advice from Washington strongly confirm the press utterances that significantly point to a crisis next season in the fur seal controversy. After the rejection, by President Harrison, of the latest British proposal of arbitration, the imperial government will suspend further efforts toward a settlement of the dispute. By May next a strong force of war vessels will be assembled at Esquimaux, and other vessels will be sent to Behring sea, with instructions to protect from seizure or removal British vessels engaged in sealing at a distance less than three miles from the seal islands and coast of Alaska. This will not prevent single captures between revenue vessels, but the first encounter between an American and a British cruiser will open the way to a final settlement on the lines that President Harrison seems about to lay down. The official tone here is firm, tranquil and confident. The authorities look for no trouble or molestation of Canadian sealing vessels next summer. A prosperous season is expected by the sealers, according to advice from Ottawa.

Benjamin Franklin in France. December Century. By his manners and ways of life he became the most popular man in France, so that when he gained his presentation to the King his future was assured. As he passed through the streets of Paris he was followed by admiring eyes and cheered loudly by enthusiastic voices. A contemporary writes: "A friend of mine paid something for a place at a two-story window to see him pass by in his coach, but the crowd was so great that he could but barely see him. He was the Frenchman's

embodiment of the ideal citizen, republican, philosopher and friend. He completely captivated and captured the people of France, whom he perfectly understood, and he well knew "that a popular man becomes soon more powerful than power itself." Condorcet said: "It was an honor to have seen him. People repeated what they had heard him say. Every fate which he consented to receive, every house where he consented to go, spread in society new admirers, who became so many partisans of the American revolution."

A HUSBAND'S QUEER REVENGE.

How a San Francisco Man Makes Life a Burden to His Wife and Her Friends.

About a year ago E. H. Baxter, a clerk in the employ of a leading drug firm, was divorced from his wife on the ground of his extreme cruelty. The court awarded the little daughter of the couple to the care of the mother, and the son to the father. The Baxters lived at the boarding-house of Mrs. E. E. Willard, at No. 525 Harrison street. After the divorce Baxter moved to other quarters. Ever since the pair separated Mrs. Baxter has been subjected to constant annoyance on the part of her ex-husband, who adopts peculiar antics by which he not only jars his wife's nerves, but those of the other boarders in Mrs. Willard's house. About six weeks ago he took up a position on the sidewalk in front of his ex-wife's home and gave vent to his rage by the most unorthodox yells, cat-calls and shrieks, which he continued for nearly four hours, when he became exhausted and withdrew from the contest of shouting against a calm. Mrs. Willard, the landlady, had Baxter arrested for disturbing the peace. But as he promised to be "a good man and not do it any more," the charge was compromised, and Baxter gave his landlady a note, indorsed by others, for an amount of money he owed her for board.

For several weeks Baxter was true to his word, but lately he has renewed operations, and frequently terrifies the boarders in Mrs. Willard's house. He has been seen at the front door and yelling "Fire fire!" in the hallway. When the ladies in the house are quietly engaged in gossip and knitting, a will strike of "murder" freezes the blood in their veins, and before they can recover Baxter walks down the street quietly chuckling to himself. While the landlady is composedly counting over little stacks of silver dollars and centimes, the British arbitration project is because of the seemingly hopelessness of the prospect of a settlement by peaceful means, and of the necessity of almost immediately resorting to a new course of conduct for the United States, that the President has determined to lay the matter before Congress and to apply for legislative assistance in shaping and enforcing the policy of the immediate future.

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