

FOSTER'S BRIEF

NEW FACTS IN BOUNDARY MATTER RECITED.

An Exhaustive Review of the Alaska Boundary Case Presented by the Agent of the American Commission -- Strongest Argument Yet Made.

Washington, April 29.—The first brief for the American government in the Alaska boundary matter, which is to be laid before the joint commission next Saturday, has been completed by John W. Foster, agent for the United States commissioners.

The brief prepared by Mr. Foster and his assistants represents unremitting work covering almost the entire period since the exchange of ratifications of the boundary commission treaty; and what is equally important, it represents a previous knowledge of the Alaska boundary question on the part of Mr. Foster, unequalled, possibly, by that of any other person in the United States.

The discussion of the old treaty relations between Russia and Great Britain is especially extensive and convincing. Nearly every one of the executive departments of the government have been drawn upon for information. Among other testimony is that of General Rouseau, the first American military authority in Alaska, who, in 1867, made extensive explorations in the vicinity of the present disputed boundary line.

FLEETS COMBINED.

Three Puget Sound Companies Under One Control.

Seattle, May 2.—Control of the La Conner Trading and Transportation company, one of the oldest and most successful of the Puget Sound transportation concerns, has passed, by the purchase of a heavy block of stock, to the Alaska Steamship company, which also owns the Puget Sound Navigation company. Negotiations have been pending two weeks between Charles E. Peabody, Walter Oakes and Captain George J. Willey.

The transfer, which was made yesterday morning, means the consolidation for co-operative purposes of the Puget Sound Navigation company and the La Conner Trading and Transportation company with a close working alliance with the Alaska Steamship company, which may be said to be the parent corporation. It was brought about through the purchase of the stock of the La Conner Transportation company held by Captain Willey, manager of the company for a consideration of about \$100,000 in cash and cash securities.

TO DIVERT ATTENTION.

Sultan Said to Have Ordered Massacre of Christians in Armenia.

Berlin, April 30.—Die Information reports that the sultan recently summoned the Kurd chiefs in Asia Minor to Constantinople and instructed them to recommence the Armenian massacres which caused such a sensation throughout the civilized world six years ago. Abdul's idea, the paper asserts, is that bloodshed on a large scale in Armenia would distract attention from Macedonia and relieve the pressure in European Turkey.

Armenian massacres, the paper's correspondent says, have already occurred in the districts of Van, Vaspouran, Mush and Samsun. In a fight near Van the Armenians fought the Kurds fiercely, with the result that nearly 200 were killed and several hundred wounded. The majority of the casualties was among the Kurds. The Armenian fugitives crossed the Russian frontier pursued by the Turkish cavalry. The Turks continued the pursuit over the border. Russian frontier guards raised an alarm and a regiment of Cossacks appeared and fired on the Turks. A brief encounter followed, then the Turks retreated. The Local Anzeiger's correspondent also reports an encounter and says a Turkish officer and six of his men were killed.

Young Blethen Named.

New York May 2.—Representative William R. Hearst, president of the National Association of Democratic clubs, has appointed as a member of the executive committee of that organization, Clarence B. Blethen, of Seattle. Mr. Blethen is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. James Hamilton Lewis, who moved to Chicago some time ago.

ROBSON ANSWERS SUMMONS.

Curtain of Life Rung Down Upon Veteran Comedian.

New York, May 1.—Stuart Robson, the veteran comedian, died during the night at the Hotel Savoy of heart disease. He was 67 years of age and had been on the stage 51 years. The interment will take place at Cohasset, Mass.

WOMAN'S REALM

The Bright Side of a Woman's Life.

The monotony of a woman's life is proverbial, but as there are two sides to every question, so are there two sides to women to find the bright side and turn that for the outer world to see. Life may be dull, surroundings may be dreary, but every woman has in herself a source of brightness, if she will but bestow some pains in making the best of herself. I do not refer particularly to the outward appearance, although that must not be neglected, but to the inward character of the mind, which will reflect itself in the face and give a charm to the most homely of features.

If we feel happy we look happy, and not even disease can spread with such rapidity or so surely as happiness does. Cheerfulness helps to make up the bright side of a woman's life, and cheerfulness can only arise from contentment. Some lots are easier than others, but we are told that we can look around and always find some that are harder. The harder the lot, the more need is there to try and be cheerful, for, as Mark Tapley inquires, "Where is the credit in being cheerful in comfortable circumstances?"

We may learn from children that our greatest pleasures are not those which cost the most money, and if we enjoy the pleasures within our reach, instead of sighing for those which are beyond we have learned a great lesson in the art of living.

Then at all times we have power over our thoughts, and "they are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts." We can make friends of great men and women of all times through their books, and in that way avoid "the mind that's vacant," which "is the mind distress'd."

Lastly, there is love to brighten a woman's life. "What is love?" asked an inspector at a convent school. "They are too young to know anything about love," interposed the teacher. "I think not," was the reply. "No girl is too young to understand the love of parents, of brothers, of sisters and of friends." So the love of a woman must not be concentrated on one object to the exclusion of all others. A woman can always give love, and the highest pleasure lies in giving. "Give love and you will have love," says the proverb, so that no woman need complain of being unloved.—Chicago Tribune.



Deep flounces extending from a hip yoke, or from the belt to the hem of the skirt, will be a popular trimming for summer silks, crepe de chine, voile, foulard, French muslin, etc. This revived fashion will make it possible to use skirts of another season by adding double or triple flounces of new material.

The prevalence of knotted ribbons in the trimmings of gowns, wraps and waists is most apparent. Showers of narrow satin ribbons, knotted in several places to a foot in depth, forming a berth effect drapery around the shoulders of a gown, are among the pretty ways of arranging these ribbons. Even wide sash ribbons are knotted in several places. A soft round bow at the waist line is further supplemented with a knot sixteen or eighteen inches further down and another near the end of the strand. Scarcely any plain lengths of ribbon are seen on the Paris models. To tie up the soft lengths and make them chic and bunched is to have them quite correct.

White will be the summer, as it has been the winter, craze, and white veils and voiles are a safe investment. On all sides we hear that red and blue will be the dominant color note of fashion. Anything in black and white will be de rigueur, and the woman on a limited dress allowance will do well to make this her particular style. It is an economical as well as distinctive idea to have a color run through one's entire wardrobe. The accessories then harmonize, and a really imposing appearance is made on very little. This is an open secret to most women; still, we have a bad habit of forgetting sometimes when a new color is alluringly displayed. Of all the bargains in cloths and silks, it is well to look out for those in white, for the white dress is to be the dress par excellence for early spring wear, and zibeline and face cloth are the kinds to be most keen about.

What Domestic Science Is.

The question is often asked, "What is domestic science?" The answer is simplicity itself. It is housekeeping in the best and easiest way.

Our grandmothers, who rejoiced in the distinction of being good house-

keepers, gained their knowledge through experience. But experience means a long and circuitous path to travel, and the modern woman, who has more things on her hands than grandmother ever thought of attempting, wants a short cut to the Elysian fields that surround the perfectly ordered home.

For her applied science, that is, the application of the scientific laws and principles which she has gained in school, is now to be drawn upon for daily living and household management, and the 'ologies and 'ographs turned to practical account.

Nor is domestic science confined, as some people believe, to cooking alone. Its field is too broad to be bounded by the stove and its precincts alone. While the subject of dietetics, which relates to food and feeding, is probably of the first importance to the well-being of the family, there are also the questions of clothing, of home construction and sanitation, the principles and methods of housework, the draining and plumbing, the lighting and heating, how to keep the family well, and how to care for them if sick or injured, how to look after the household expenditures so that there need be no leaks, and how to satisfy the demands of social conscience. All these important and varied requirements fall into line under the head of domestic science.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Woman of Forty Is a Power.

The object in a woman's career should be to be beautiful till she is 40; after that she should become a power. Is the way a Frenchman sees the question. Another Frenchman said that after 40 a woman should either take the veil or be abolished. Miss Achurch, an actress, lecturing on the subject, inclined to the former view. She said: "The woman who has passed the confines of youth has come to be regarded as of much greater importance than she was twenty years ago. The change can be seen in words and in life. From the period of Fielding to that of Thackeray the girl of 17 was always the center of attraction and she always disappeared after her wedding day. After Thackeray came the long inning of the woman of 30."

The woman of 40 ought to be the happiest of women. She has peculiar privileges possessed by no other woman. She is not troubled like her younger sisters at the crossing of the borderland of youth, for she is already on the other side. Her future is more clearly defined, for at 40 has she not chosen and settled down in her career?

A professional woman is at her best at 40. She can act better, paint better, write better, not only because her powers are more matured, but also because she will not be interrupted by love affairs. The age of 40 should be looked forward to as an inheritance rather than be dreaded by every woman.

Health and Beauty.

A solution of powdered alum in the proportion of one teaspoonful to a cup of cold water is excellent for relieving chillsblains. Sponge the feet or bind on cloth dipped in the alum and water, but do not soak the feet in it.

Kohol, the black stain for the hair of which one reads so frequently, is an oriental preparation. There are various formulas, but all are alike in giving only a temporary effect. The most common way of making the article is by grinding down India ink with rose-water.

Rinsing the face and hands thoroughly after washing is quite as important as the washing itself, if the people who make beauty a study are to be believed. The soap must be got out of the pores or it will roughen and dry the skin and often aggravate the tendency to blackheads.

A bruise should be immediately bathed with very hot or very cold water, to prevent swelling and lessen discoloration. If the bruise is a serious one a cloth wrung from hot oil should be applied, changing when cool; or a cloth moistened with arnica should be bound about the bruise.

Apple tea is useful for feverish patients. Quarter four large cooking apples, without removing the peel, cut a lemon into slices, leaving on the peel, and sprinkle over the whole six ounces of sugar. Place the fruit in a jug and over it pour two quarts of boiling water; cover until cold and it will be ready for use.

To perfume the hair, get a piece of water-lily incense, which you can buy at any Japanese or Turkish store. Light it and as the fumes arise shake the hair over it until the incense has all burned out. This fragrance will last a long time in the hair and is only a suggestion of perfume. Heavily perfumed locks are in bad taste. Cheap cologne or perfume is bad for the hair. A little dash of violet water will not hurt the hair and will give it a golden cast in the sunlight.

When one is fortunate enough to own a bottle of attar of roses, the genuine article, great pains should be taken to preserve its contents without evaporation. For this purpose the glass stopper should be removed and a close-fitting cork substituted. Over this tie a piece of kid—a glove finger is excellent for the purpose—and the rich perfume will retain its fragrance for years. The genuine attar of roses, like the best olive oil, will freeze, affording proof of its purity.

ST. PAUL CHURCH NOW A WAREHOUSE

The fact that it had served as a place of worship for fifty-four years did not save the oldest church in St. Paul from falling into the despoiler's hands and being converted into such a place as once urged the Master to rid the temple of the money changers and to say: "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." It is already doing duty as a furniture warehouse and bids fair to continue so for years to come.

In 1840 the church was erected by the Methodists of the village, and until



OLD CHURCH, NOW A WAREHOUSE.

1875 it remained the principal sanctuary of the sect. Benjamin F. Hoyt occupied the pulpit as its first pastor. He was not a minister and attended to his worldly duties along with his religious matters.

The church was built with the first batch of bricks made in the State of Minnesota and was used at various times as a place for the getting of the "Almighty dollar." At one time even it was used as a drilling hall for the militia. There is hardly any doubt that the edifice has been accorded its last chance of ever being again sacred to the uses for which it was intended.

QUEER STORIES

Cats and other beasts of prey reflect fifty times as much light from their eyes as human beings.

In Belgium there are no extensive forests or timber lands, and wood for all purposes must be imported.

The river span of the Brooklyn bridge is 1,595 feet long; the Forth bridge has two river spans, each 1,710 feet long.

Of the 8,500 rural free delivery routes in operation June 30 last Iowa led with 771. The other States having the largest number of routes were: Ohio 741, Illinois 706, Indiana 654. The average number of pieces of mail handled on each of the routes each day was 132.

After several unsuccessful attempts and three years labor, the unparalleled feat of cutting a ring out of a single diamond has been accomplished by the patience and skill of Mr. Antoine, one of the best-known lapidaries of Antwerp. The ring is about three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

In case both President and Vice President die or become incapable of acting, the Secretary of State becomes President, if eligible; after him, the line of succession runs through the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, the Postmaster General, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

It has often been urged that man could not travel at a much greater speed than sixty miles an hour, as no driver could stand the strain upon the nerves. An experienced engineer has, however, it is said, declared that when a man is running his engine at a mile a minute he has reached the limit of mental strain, and an extra half-mile a minute could not add to his task. Further, the same authority gives the reassuring information that, if a train going at a rate of one hundred miles an hour were wrecked, the consequences would be no worse than if the speed had been sixty miles.

Sounded Like It.



Mr. Howell—What's all that screaming in the parlor?  
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