

MR. PAYNE IS BACK Senator Is Pleased With Alaska.

CORRECTS SOME WILD STORIES

Investigated the Fisheries of the Northern Country—Will Go East Soon.

Senator Sereno E. Payne's party returned to the city this morning on the steamer Queen and put up at the Rainier-Grand hotel. The members will remain in Seattle several days and will then make a leisurely return trip East. When Senator Payne planned the present summer trip to Alaska, it was stated in a number of papers that the visit was directly connected with the disputed boundary question. His investigations in the north, it was said, would probably result in important developments.

To a Star reporter Mr. Payne emphatically denied the story. He said it was a piece of imagination, and the fact that he is a member of the joint high commission no doubt gave color to the yarn. "My trip was planned nearly a year ago," said the senator. "While I did not go north for the purpose of investigating the boundary question, I, of course, got what information I could about it while in Alaska. I have no opinion to express in regard to the probable outcome of the dispute. The people of Skagway and the Porcupine district are, of course, anxious for the boundary to be settled speedily, and they will undoubtedly make a hard fight for what they term their rights in the matter of territory. The joint high commission does not sit again until August 3, when the question of the Alaskan boundary will no doubt come up again. I do not anticipate any serious trouble with Canada or England in regard to the dispute. We are too big to fight with our Canadian cousins."

Senator Payne says his Alaskan trip fully came up to his expectations. The country, he said, is marvelously rich in its mineral and timber, while the fishing industry alone is almost sufficient to make it of great value. Mr. Payne has represented the twenty-eighth congressional district of New York in congress since the forty-eighth session. He is chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries. While in Alaska he looked closely into the fishery question, and obtained some very important data bearing on it. The senatorial party is visiting points of interest in the city this afternoon.

THE ROPE CAME NEAR PARTING

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 11.—An awful tragedy almost marked the hanging here this morning of Henry Smith, a colored wife murderer. When the trap was sprung, three strands of the rope broke. The remaining two stretched and appeared to be parting, but luckily it held together until the negro was cut down.

FLEMING IN THIS CITY

M. Fleming, the unfortunate Ed-monton route victim, whose story was telegraphed exclusively to the Star yesterday, arrived here on the Rosalie last evening. He is terribly used-up, as a result of his trip, so much so, in fact, that it was with difficulty that he could give a detailed account of his hardships. Fleming was one of the party to which Mr. Reifnyder, whose story was told in the Star, belonged. After a most perilous trip, Fleming reached the Dease lake country. He had at this time a severe attack of dropsy, and his limbs were useless. He says he passed many unfortunate who were in a sick or dying condition. Fleming will probably be placed in the hospital for medical treatment.

GRAIN BAGS ARE SCARCE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 11.—Now that the crop condition of Eastern Washington has favorably met the expectations of farmers another question of importance has arisen which a large percentage of wheat raisers will have to consider. By a conservative estimate about 11,000,000 grain bags are used annually in this state, of which approximately one-eighth are manufactured at the state penitentiary. Last year the institution turned out 1,450,000, being the largest output in its history, while this season only about 1,000,000 will be made, on account of the depletion of the number of convicts.

About 15 of the 70 looms will remain idle with the small lot force at work at present Warden Catron intends to turn out enough bags to supply the local demand. For the remaining number of bags farmers by necessity depend upon those imported from California. Two ship loads are on the way that place now, but it is reported that they are overdue thirty days. In that event the majority of farmers will be compelled to defer threshing

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THE STEAMER WENT DOWN

The Portia Sank During the Night—One Life Lost.

HALIFAX, July 11.—Late reports from the scene of the Portia wreck say that the steamer sank during the night, and that one life was lost. The person who lost his life was a Syrian lad. All passengers arrived here this morning very late. Very few saved anything. They gave thrilling stories of the disaster. The steamer was abandoned 15 minutes after it struck. The lifeboats had to be launched quickly. Women and children piled into them first and then the men entered. Perfect discipline prevailed among the crew, and it was due to their courage and coolness that there was no large loss of life.

THE REPORT IS DENIED

Troops Not to be Sent Against the Canadian Police.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The State department officially denies the story to the effect that the department has been informed that the British government will send mounted police to Porcupine region in Alaska, and that the administration will meet the situation by sending troops there.

VICTORY FOR THE UNION

MARION, Ind., July 11.—At last, after four or five years of continued effort on the part of labor unions, the Swayze Glass factory at Swayze, this county, has been unionized. The plant was started with a full force of about two hundred hands. The plant was the biggest non-union glass factory in the country and the fact that it has been unionized is considered a big achievement by the union.

TRIAL OF THE STRIKER

The case of Chas. Fryett, one of the Wardner strikers, was continued by Judge Hanford yesterday until August 17. Fryett is now in jail at Walla Walla, and the Marshall court will meet the situation by sending troops there.

GRADUATION OF A BLIND GENIUS

COLUMBUS, S. C., July 11.—John R. Swearingen, who is absolutely blind, his sight having been destroyed when he was a child, has graduated with first honors from the South Carolina college. The college is nearly one hundred years old, and in its whole existence no man has made so high a record as young Mr. Swearingen. For the four years his record has been "highly distinguished" in every study. He is full of energy, in logic, mathematics, astronomy, psychology he is particularly strong.

WILL FIGHT THE BANANA TRUST

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 11.—Louis Bier, United States consular agent at Ceiba, Honduras, arrived here yesterday with the power of attorney for 185 of the leading fruit growers of Honduras, and in their name signed a contract with the Bluefields company, which is fighting the fruit trust, agreeing to deliver their fruit, or 200,000 bunches of bananas a month, to the independent company at Puerto Cortes, Cuba, Truxillo, and including all of the Atlantic coast of Honduras. The fruit growers of that country were very much alarmed when they heard that the banana business had fallen into the hands of the trust, and have combined for their own protection and offered their business to an independent company. The Honduras trade was formerly in the hands of the Machea and Oteri lines, which were recently bought out by the trust.

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