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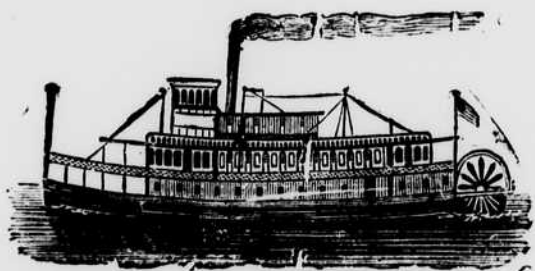
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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR WASHINGTON. GREAT BRITAIN-ALASKAN BOUNDARY MODUS VIVENDI

BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, FIX-  
ING A PROVISIONAL BOUNDARY LINE  
BETWEEN THE TERRITORY OF AL-  
ASKA AND THE DOMINION OF CAN-  
ADA ABOUT THE LYNN CANAL.

It is hereby agreed between the Govern-  
ments of the United States and of  
Great Britain that the boundary line  
between Canada and the territory of Ala-  
ska in the territory of Alaska in the  
region about the head of Lynn Canal  
shall be provisionally fixed as follows  
without prejudice to the claims of ei-  
ther party in the permanent adjust-  
ment of the international boundary:

In the region of the Dalton Trail, a  
line beginning at the peak West of  
Porcupine Creek, marked on the map  
No. 10 of the United States Commission  
Dec. 31 1895, and on sheet No. 12 of the  
British Commission, Dec. 31, 1895, with  
the number 6500; thence running to the  
Klehini (or Klahaeha) River in the di-  
rection of the Peak north of that river,  
marked 5020 on the aforesaid United  
States map and 5025 on the aforesaid  
British map; thence following the high  
or right bank of the said Klehini river  
to the junction thereof with the Chil-  
eat River, a mile and a half, more or  
less, north of Klukwan, providing that  
persons proceeding to or from Porcupine  
Creek shall be freely permitted to  
follow the trail between the said creek  
and the said junction of the rivers, in-  
to and across the territory on the Cana-  
dian side of the temporary line, where-  
ever the trail crosses to such side, and,  
subject to such reasonable regulations for  
the protection of the Revenue as the  
Canadian Government may prescri-  
be to carry them over such part or  
parts of the trail between the said  
points as they desire, without being  
required to pay any customs duties on  
such goods and articles; and from said  
junction to the summit of the peak East  
of the Chilcat River, marked on the  
aforesaid map No. 10 of the United  
States Commission with the number  
5419 and on the map No. 17 of the afo-  
resaid British Commission with the num-  
ber 5490.

On the Dyea and Skaguay Trails, the  
summits of the Chilcoot and White  
Passes.

It is understood, as formerly set forth  
in communications of the Department  
of State of the United States, that the  
citizens or subjects of either Power,  
found by this arrangement within the  
temporary jurisdiction of the other,  
shall suffer no diminution of the rights  
and privileges which they now enjoy.

The Government of the United States  
will at once appoint an officer or offi-  
cers in conjunction with an officer or offi-  
cers to be named by the Government of  
Her Britannic Majesty, to mark the  
temporary line agreed upon by the  
erection of posts, stakes or other  
appropriate temporary marks.

#### They Prefer Veal Now.

Mary had a little lamb, that time has  
passed away. No lamb could follow up  
the pace our Mary sets to day; for now  
she rides an air shod wheel, in skirts  
too short by half; no lambkin shares  
her airy flight but you should see her  
calf. But who is there that can com-  
plain or cry in woe, "Alas!" So long  
as Mary's calf's all right the lamb can  
go to grass. So all the men delighted  
gaze, their joy is not a sham, for while  
the other critter is out they have no  
use for lamb.

### SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY A Colored Soldier uses a "Razzer" on a Prominent Citizen and Inflicts an Ugly Wound.

On Wednesday evening last a stab-  
bing affray took place at the Warwick  
saloon which very nearly caused the  
death of one of our most prominent citi-  
zens.

It appears that at about 10:45 p. m.  
Mr. Healey and Mr. Garrett, the latter  
one of the proprietors, were playing  
a game of cribbage in the saloon when  
Corporal Joiner and Private Harris  
came in. Joiner and Harris had been  
drinking hard all day and were in a  
quarrelsome condition. They immedi-  
ately began to interfere in the game  
and when Mr. Healey objected they  
called him several vile names and show-  
ed fight. Mr. Healey at once jumped  
to his feet only to be attacked by Jo-  
ner who made several passes with a raz-  
zer. The spectators at once interfered  
and ejected the soldiers.

Upon examination Mr. Healey found  
several cuts in his clothes and a gash  
six inches long across his abdomen.

He was at once taken up to Dr. Hen-  
driksen's office where the wound was  
carefully stitched and dressed. A very  
little more and Mr. Healey would have  
been fatally injured.

### Congressman Sulzer On The Alaskan Question.

The JOURNAL acknowledges the receipt  
of a very interesting letter from the  
Hon. William Sulzer, our congressman  
for New York and leader for the lower  
House of Congress. Mr. Sulzer says in  
part:

"The splendid editorial and cartoon  
of Mr. Bush in the New York World of  
Oct. 25 about 'The Alaska Boundary  
Tangle' sum the whole case up in a  
 nutshell, mentally and ocularily. I trust  
the President and Secretary of State  
will see them and read them, and be  
governed accordingly.

"England's greed for gold has instiga-  
ted Canada to make preposterous  
claims to our Alaska territory. These  
alleged claims are utterly untenable,  
and about as justifiable as England's  
cruel war against the Boers. England  
always strikes wherever gold is found.  
The thinkers of the world know the  
reason why.

"England wants a port of entry on  
Alaska soil for the reasons you mention  
and for ulterior and more hidden pur-  
poses. Under the guise of temporary  
friendship she is now seeking to hypno-  
tize the wabbling Washington admini-  
stration to cede her Alaskan territory.  
Why should we give up an inch of our  
land? Why should we expatriate a  
single citizen who now lives on Alaska  
soil and under the American flag? If  
England wants an entry to the Klondike  
let her build a railroad on her own  
territory from Fort Simpson to Dawson  
City. And she will if we maintain our  
rights.

"Woe betide the Administration if it  
gives an inch of our territory to Great  
Britain!

"The American people are watching  
Mr. McKinley and his pro-English Sec-  
retary of State. They will not tolerate  
his sacrifice of American rights and  
American soil in Alaska, and they are  
opposed to help Great Britain in her  
unholy war to subjugate South Africa.  
"The little Napoleon of the White  
House should remember the sayings of  
the great Napoleon, 'Beware of perfid-  
ious Albion!' WILLIAM SULZER,  
Washington, D. C.

### Church Announcement.

The subject for the sermon next Sun-  
day evening at the Presbyterian church  
will be: "Why do people go to church?"  
The subject is suggested by a late arti-  
cle by Dr. Lyman Abbot in the "Out-  
look" upon the same subject.

### Will be Missed.

Dr. F. W. Lapsley a well known and  
much respected physician of this city  
left for Skaguay on the s.s. Farallon  
Tuesday last. The Doctor came here a  
year ago last March and during his stay  
made many friends who sincerely re-  
gret his departure. His success in prac-  
tice together with his genial qualities  
made him a favorite with all classes of  
our varied population, and we feel cer-  
tain that we are expressing the feelings  
of all Wrangelites in wishing him  
every success on his new home.

### AN INVOCATION.

"O God, have mercy!" a mother cried,  
As she humbly knelt at the cradle's side,  
"O God, have mercy and hear my prayer,  
And let my babe in the tender care,  
For the Angel of death is in the room,  
And is calling aloud for my babe to come.  
Thou, then, alone hast the power to save,  
Oh! God have mercy, 'tis all I crave."

A tiny grave 'neath a willow's shade,  
Telleth the answer the Merciful made.

"O Father in heaven protect my boy  
From the wiles of folly, from sin's decoy;  
From the snares and temptations of life's dark  
Gloom and keep him pure for thee."  
To a mother prayed as her darling son  
Went forth to battle the world alone;  
Alone, save the blessing his mother gave,  
And that prayer to God to keep and save.

A murderer's gibbet high in the air,  
Answered that mother's trusting prayer.

A father and mother knelt them down  
Together before the Eternal One.

And with trusting hearts implored that heaven  
Would guard their flower its grace had given,  
Would keep their blossoming daughter pure,  
And shield her eyes from the tempter's lure,  
And from every stain would keep her free  
As the lilies that bloom in eternity.

A self-shin' lost one, soiled, betrayed,  
Was the only answer that Heaven made.

A beautiful maiden knelt to pray  
For the life of a loved one far away—  
Away in the fields where life and death  
Hinges poised in the scale that tips with a  
heavenly weight.

"Oh, Father of Mercies, protect the heart  
Of him I love from the foe's snare;  
When the death-battle rages on the charging  
line."

Be thou his guide, his strength, his shield,  
A mangled corpse and a soldier's grave  
Was the answer the Father of Mercies gave.

The night was dark on the ocean's breast,  
And the waves rolled high in wild unrest,  
When a stately corvette was dashing on  
Towards a breaker's crest with her rudder  
gone.

Around the captain in wild despair,  
The crew had gathered and joined in prayer,  
To Him who only had the power to save,  
To deliver them from a watery grave.

A crash and a gulping wave, one  
Were the answers of the Omnipotent One.

'Twas midnight in the city's heart,  
And slumber reigned o'er home and mart,  
When the fire-bell burst from its secret place  
And wrapped all things in his fierce embrace.  
Oh! then how many a friendly prayer  
To Heaven for safety rent the air—  
For homes, for lives for loves, and then  
The flames that crisped them snared and  
chared.

Told how heaven their prayers had heard,  
From the earliest dawn of nature's birth  
Since sorrow and crime had first darkened the  
From clime to clime, from pole to pole,  
Wherever the waves of humanity roll,  
The breezy robe this planet wears  
Has quivered and echoed with countless  
Each hour a million knees are bent,  
A million prayers to heaven are sent.  
There's not a summer beam but sees  
Some humble suppliant on his knees;  
There's not a breeze that murmurs by  
But wafts some faithful prayer on high;  
There's not a woe that afflicts our race,  
But some one bears to the throne of grace,  
And for every temptation, we may meet  
We plead for grace at the mercy seat.

But thou, O God, smile on and Heaven serene  
Still blessed as though no prayers had been,  
And to the breeze moon as the breeches wave  
"When men is powerless I e'en I can not save."

The offering will be for the benefit of  
the cause fund. No canvas will be  
made for money this year. Those who  
desire to contribute either in money or  
goods to help us in our work will kindly  
give their names and amount, either  
in cash or goods, to the parties who  
have this matter in charge. The mem-  
bers of the committee are: Mrs. Geo.  
Bayer, Mrs. Cagle and Mrs. Bennett.  
The committee wishes to acknowledge  
a cash subscription of \$5.00 from John  
Finlayson for Etolin McKinnon.

H. P. CORSER,  
P. S. 11.