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MONTH WITH AN "R"

OYSTER SEASON USHERED IN WITH ACTIVITY.

Fulton Market Alive With the Luscious Bivalves—New Specimens—Industry in Full Swing in Baltimore.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—With the first of September comes a rush in the oyster business, after four months of comparative quiet.

Most persons will not touch oysters during the hot weather, or, as it is commonly expressed, when there is no r in the month. There is, however, an oyster especially cultivated for Summer consumption. This is the Keyport and Princess Bay, N. J., is its home.

A new specimen that will be pushed by the dealers this season is the Millpond. It is a salty variety, and is bound to become popular with lovers of oysters, the dealers say.

Everybody is familiar with the blue point and Rockaway oysters and it is learned that the crop of these varieties will be very large. Fulton market has come to be the center of the oyster trade in this city within the past few years. About there to-day there is great activity. Thousands of barrels and baskets are filled with the choicest oysters to be had. They are especially good, too, this this year, and business is confidently expected to be exceptionally large.

Preparations at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 2.—The oyster season, which promises to be one of unusual activity, opened yesterday.

The forty-eight packing houses, which employ 30,000 men and women, are preparing to ship raw stock. Reports from the Chesapeake and tributaries report oysters unusually plentiful and of better quality than for many years.

Packers and shippers are preparing for a heavy business in view of the reported plentifulness of money and general trade activity throughout the country. Over one hundred thousand people in Maryland earn a livelihood as a result of the oyster industry, and over 700 vessels are employed in the carrying trade. The season lasts until May 1st.

FROM THE ORIENT.

A Chinese Government Loan—The Philippine Islands Insurrection.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 2.—The steamer Empress of China arrived from the Orient yesterday and brings the following advices: "Rumors are current in Pekin and Shanghai that the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank is negotiating a loan of 160,000,000 taels for the Chinese Government. It is stated that difficulties which arose to prevent the fulfillment of the Belgian loan to Shang Tai Jong have disappeared and that the loan will go through, and the much talked of Kang Kow railway will be soon started.

Fights continue in the Philippines and the rebellion is not yet suppressed. A proclamation has been issued by Emilio Aguinaldo, a leader in the Philippines, stating that the rebel plan of abandoning the towns, taking the offensive and adopting the Cuban method of guerilla warfare, was exhausting the resources of Spain, while enabling the insurgents to prolong the war for an indefinite period. He predicts that Spain will succumb in the end. The rebels demand the expulsion of the friars and the confiscation and return to the township of monastery land, parliamentary representation and civil and religious freedom, similar to the Spanish concessions, and also revocation of the power of banishment by Government officials.

Business Troubles.

ALBANY, Sept. 2.—Notice was served on the Attorney-General to-day that an application will be made in the Supreme Court in New York city to-morrow for the voluntary dissolution of the Warren E. Smith Company of New York city, conducting a clothing business with a capital stock of $100,000, on the ground of insolvency. The company has liabilities of $43,000 and assets of $41,000.

Out in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 2.—The deadlock in the three State Silver Conventions was broken to-day by the silver Republicans agreeing upon Judge J. J. Sullivan, of Columbus, Democrat. The Populists then also agreed upon Sullivan.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

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COULDN'T SAIL TOGETHER.

Mrs. Vanderbilt on the Majestic, Mrs. Belmont on the Lucania—Good Reasons.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and her youngest daughter, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, sailed on the Majestic yesterday for England to join Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose health is said to be on the mend.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was to have sailed last Saturday on the Lucania, but at the last moment she revoked her order for passage. The reason assigned by the gossips is that Mrs. Vanderbilt learned that Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, was booked on the Lucania. Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, as everybody knows, was Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, and she and Mrs. Cornelius are not on speaking terms.

SPANISH CLAIMS.

Damages Wanted of the United States as a Result of the Departure of Filibusterers.

HAVANA, Sept. 2.—The organ of the Conservative party, La Union Constitutional, commenting upon the dispatches from Madrid, announcing that the Spanish Government is considering the manner in which to present to the United States claims for damages as a result of the departure from America and landing in Cuba of filibustering expeditions, says it considers the contemplated action of the Government is justified, adding:

"Is it not notorious that the influence and sympathy of Americans have been used in support of the Separatists and of the rebellion, and is there any doubt of their responsibility before the world for the misfortunes we are suffering? Spain, in asking for damages on this account, only acts within her rights based on justice and the spirit of neutrality which has not been accorded us, although we have religiously satisfied the representations and demands of Washington, in many cases which were not justified. Therefore, there is all the more reason that the United States should meet the demands of a nation whose interests have been destroyed by many American citizens."

A Fiery Speech by Debs.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 2.—Eugene V. Debs spoke for one hour last night to 300 people assembled at National Hall under the auspices of the Social Democracy. He said: "The Supreme Court of the United States is a breeder of revolution, and a few more injunctions will see all of us walking side by side and fighting for the cause of humanity. I am anxious, I am ready. The time is ripe and it is coming surely."

The speaker then lauded the anarchists who were hanged at Chicago and said that some day his wife may mourn his loss as did the widows of those four men.

"They are martyrs and the time will come when the world will pay tribute to their names and memories," he added.

Mr. Debs then launched into an attack upon capital and capitalists and asserted that it was his purpose to dispossess them of the property amassed at the expense of labor.

Married His Domestic.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Sept. 2.—Yesterday Benjamin Douglass, a millionaire, formerly of Chicago, was married here to Louise Kreuzeler, a servant, who had worked in his house. Ten days ago the infatuation of Douglass, who is seventy-five years old, first came to light when he got a license to marry a woman who is not thirty. His friends prevailed on him to defer the ceremony. The woman was induced to go away, but on Saturday she returned and retained a lawyer with instructions to bring a breach of promise suit. Douglass is related through his late wife to the late Zach Chandler and Senator Hale.

Miners Want Sixty-nine Cents.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 2.—Everything was quiet about the striking miners' camps in the DeArmitt region to-day, the campers decided to take things easy pending definite news from Columbus in regard to the proposed settlement of the strike. The sentiment of the whole camp seems to be to resist any settlement except on an unqualified sixty-nine-cent basis. The general talk among the men shows no discouragement.

In Consultation.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 2.—The coal operators, who were to meet the coal miners' Executive Committee to-day, met them at 9:30 with closed doors. The operators are confident that the miners' officials will accept and refer the sixty-four cents rate to their constituents and willing to make reasonable concessions which may cover a period of twelve months.

Oregon Wheat.

PORTLAND, Ogn., Sept. 2.—The receipts of wheat in Portland for the first three days of this week were over 590 cars, an amount that is without precedent so early in the season. These heavy receipts are causing anxiety in some quarters for the necessary sail tonnage.

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JUMPED THE TRACK

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A D. L. & W. RR. TRAIN.

Due to a Broken Rail—Mrs. J. H. McQuillan, of Philadelphia, Killed—Many Passengers More or Less Injured, But None Seriously—Physicians Promptly at the Scene of the Accident—Many People Well Known in Oswego Aboard the Train.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 2.—A special to the Herald from Cortland this morning says: "Southbound vestibule train No. 4 on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, which left Syracuse at nine o'clock this morning, was wrecked at Blodgett's Mills, the first station South of this place, about seven miles. Mrs. J. H. McQuillan, of Philadelphia, who had been visiting her daughter-in-law at Glenhaven, was killed and a large number were injured.

"The first news of the accident which reached Cortland was a telegram from Blodgett's Mills, calling for a wrecking train and physicians. The railroad company's representative at the station in this village requested the local telephone exchange to call out all the physicians in town at once, and in a few minutes a special train bearing as many surgeons as could be found was sent to the scene of the accident.

"Nearing the station at Blodgett's Mills the main line takes a curve. At a point a few feet North of the passenger station building the Pullman car of the fast express, which does not stop at that station, while going at full speed, left the track and plunged into one corner of the building. The passenger cars were crushed and the occupants thrown in all directions. One woman was killed outright and several passengers seriously injured."

The wrecked train left Syracuse on time at nine o'clock this morning. Superintendent A. H. Schwarz was among its passengers. The first report of the accident was received shortly after eleven o'clock. Train Dispatcher Ferris at once ordered out the wrecking train with its full crew. The train was speedily got ready and with two empty passenger cars was sent South at 11:39 o'clock. Superintendent Schwarz was bruised and scratched, but otherwise unhurt. The little station was forced off its foundations.

KILLED.

Mrs. J. H. McQuillan, Philadelphia.

INJURED.

Mrs. H. D. Carter, New York, slightly injured about face.

Mrs. Carter's two grandchildren, slightly injured.

Mrs. Dennis Rogers, left side and face hurt, not serious.

A. D. Wallace, Cortland, left arm broken.

Miss Maude Graham, Cortland, slightly injured internally.

Violet Heiman, eleven years old, Philadelphia, scalp wound.

Deman Nell, ten years old, Philadelphia, foot crushed.

H. R. Hemerle, porter Pullman car, lips badly cut.

Mrs. Connell, Scranton, hand badly hurt.

Miss Connell, daughter of Mrs. Connell, cut about the face.

A. H. Schwarz, Superintendent of the D. L. & W. Railroad, cut about the face and hands.

The Rev. J. J. Higgins, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church of this city, sat in the seat immediately behind Mrs. McQuillan. His hand was badly cut, his clothing torn and he sustained a severe shock.

The accident was due to a broken rail. The rear coach left the track and was tipped on its side and dragged for a considerable distance, striking the furniture factory and the ice-house and depot.

TRAIN STARTED FROM OSWEGO.

William H. Coppernall of This City was in the Baggage Car.

The train left Oswego this morning at 7:30 o'clock, Conductor James Doyle, of Syracuse, formerly of Oswego, in charge. The engine crews changed at Syracuse, but the train hands went through to Binghamton. The only Oswegonian in the train crew was William H. Coppernall, the baggageman, the trainmen belonging in Syracuse.

There was an unusually large passenger list out of Oswego this morning. Among the number were Mrs. R. F. Downing and two daughters of Brooklyn. They were returning home after spending the Summer with Mrs. Downing's mother, Mrs. Daniel Lyons, in West Seventh street. They were in the drawing-room car.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Connell, with their family, Misses Helen and Louise Connell and Master Harold Connell and Mr. George Jay, were returning to their home in Scranton, Pa., after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jermyn in this city. They had seats in the parlor car. A private dispatch received by Mr. Jermyn states that Mrs. Connell's head was quite badly cut and that one of the little girls was slightly cut on the hand.

The Rev. John J. Higgins, whose name appears among the list of passengers, was formerly assistant rector at St. Paul's church. He has many friends in Oswego. His parents live in Norwich.

The only other persons who boarded the train at Oswego were William Walsh, U. S. N., Washington, D. C. Mr. Walsh was accompanied by his wife and two children. They were returning to Washington after a visit to Mr. Walsh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Walsh, of Ellen street.

Two ladies whose baggage was checked to Philadelphia, came in over the R. W. & O. road. Their names are not known.

The mail agent upon the train was William R. Plant, of Oswego.

Damaging Testimony.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—It is definitely announced to-day that Luetgert will be a witness in his own defense and explain what he was doing in the basement of his factory and the experiments he was conducting.

Gordon L. Clark, salesman for Lord, Owen & Company, wholesale druggists, testified that in March last Luetgert purchased of that firm a barrel of caustic potash and fifty pounds of arsenic. The articles were delivered at the Luetgert factory. George Nelson, shipping clerk for the drug firm, corroborated the testimony of Mr. Clark.

A Ghastly Record.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—District Attorney Olcott gave out a statement to-day made by Herman Nack, husband of the woman now in the Tombs, charged with Martin Thorne, with the murder of William Guldensuppe. Nack states that his wife has been in the business of midwife and practicing illegally.

He claims that she has been killing children for the last ten years at the rate of from two to three children a year. He also states that she, at one time, had six children preserved in some kind of spirits in the house. They were closed up in bottles. The man incriminates a number of doctors.

Obituary.

WAKEFIELD, R. I., Sept. 2.—Colonel George Bliss, an eminent New York lawyer, who has been ill at his Summer home at Shadow Farm, died early this morning from a disease of the liver.

Sporting News.

As the day of the contest between Kid McCoy and Tommy Ryan draws closer, interest in the battle grows apace. The fight is scheduled to come off at Syracuse on September 8th. Local sports regard McCoy as a sure winner and are backing him without any reserve.

A letter from 'Frisco to a friend in this city from "English" Jimmy Carroll states that Carroll, in company with Johnny Griffin and Tom Whalen, the Tacoma lightweight, will start for the Klondyke within a week. They propose to give sparring exhibitions on the way.

Billy Thompson, who managed Charley Mitchell while the latter was in this country, claims that he has inside information that Bob Fitzsimmons will consent to another match with Jim Corbett. Thompson is at present in Cincinnati, and has made several wagers that Fitzsimmons will soon come out and declare himself to that effect.

"I consider Seymour the best left-hand pitcher," said Pat Tebeau yesterday. "He has lots of speed, but like other pitchers has his off days. When he is right he outclasses any other left-hander I have ever seen."

Billy Madden doesn't like the idea of Joe Goddard remaining on the other side of the water doing nothing, and yesterday he cabled to the Australian to leave for America at once. It is expected that Goddard will sail to-day. Peter Maher is also booked to sail from Liverpool this morning.

It was learned yesterday on good authority that "Kid" Lavigne is at present on his way to San Francisco, having received an offer to meet Joe Walcott before one of the athletic clubs on the Pacific coast. The purse offered is said to be in excess of $3,000 and the contest is booked to take place some time in October.

All the big bicycle manufactories are experimenting in the chainless wheels just now, and many of them promise to have a wheel without chain or gearing of any sort on the market next year. Nothing has been heard yet as to the price of chainless wheels. The chain wheels will probably sell for seventy-five dollars next year, the price set by the Columbia people. It is thought that the chainless wheel will cost at least $100, if not more.

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SEVEN DEAD MEN

REMOVED FROM A WRECKED BUILDING.

Ogden Goelet's Body Embalmed and Will Be Brought to New York—Ex-Governor Morton, Ex-Secretary Roosevelt and English Cricketers Will Sail Next Saturday—A Man Overboard—Storms in England.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Sept. 2.—A despatch from Montreux, fourteen miles from here, announces that an asylum for the insane, which was in course of erection there, has collapsed, burying a number of workmen in the ruins. Up to the time the message was sent the bodies of seven dead men had been recovered and seven others seriously wounded had been removed from the wrecked building.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Sept. 2.—The body of the late Ogden Goelet, the wealthy New York clubman, who died August 27th, has been embalmed, the casket containing it has been sealed by the officials of the United States Consulate at Southampton and it has been placed in the stateroom which he occupied on board the yacht Mayflower. The latter will leave these waters for Southampton to-day, will coal there and will start for Newport, R. I., on Saturday. On the Mayflower's arrival at her destination the family of the deceased will decide whether the remains will be buried at Newport or at New York. The widow, her son and daughter accompany the remains to the United States.

MADRID, Sept. 2.—The Queen Regent of Spain will receive the United States Minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, on September 18th. General Woodford arrived at San Sebastian, the Summer residence of the court, yesterday afternoon.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 2.—Among the passengers who are booked to sail for New York on Saturday next on board the American line steamer St. Paul, are the Hon. Levi P. Morton and Mrs. Morton, Mr. James R. Roosevelt, the former Secretary of the United States Embassy in London and the team of English cricketers which Mr. P. H. Warner, of the Middlesex cricket club, is taking over with the intention of playing a series of matches with American clubs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 2.—A special commission will meet shortly to discuss the introduction of universal and compulsory education in Russia.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The Minister of Commerce, M. Boucher, is quoted in an interview printed by the Gaulois to-day, as saying that the Governments of France and Russia are anxious to make every effort compatible with their economic interests to develop commercial intercourse between the two countries.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The thunderstorms and heavy rains which have prevailed all the week throughout Great Britain and the continent culminated yesterday evening in a severe gale which did much damage to trees and crops, resulted in many minor shipping disasters in the English channel and flooded many parts of the Thames valley.

The royal yacht Osborne, having on board the Princesses Victoria and Maude of Wales (Princess Charles of Denmark), who intended to start for Denmark yesterday, is weatherbound at Sheerness.

Many vessels have sought shelter from the storm in the waters of the Solent, and the sailing for Halifax of the British battleship Renown, which is to become the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, has been delayed by the severity of the weather.

BOMBAY, Sept. 2.—Colonel Abbott, with two guns and a squadron of the Eighteenth Bengal Lancers and the First regiment of Sikhs, attacked 1,500 of the enemy at Doaboan, on the road from Hangu to Thull.

A dispatch from Simla says: The Orakzais fled, but the cavalry failed to cut off their retreat. Other centres of intrigue are Hangu and … serious fighting is iminent.

LOTS OF FUN.

Wild Excitement on the Steamer Accompanied Croker's Departure.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Wild excitement attended the departure of Richard Croker, Senator Gray, ex-Secretary Tracey and Andrew Freedman, the baseball magnate, and others, on the steamer New York yesterday. It was all caused by an umbrella, which fell overboard. Eugene Wood, one of the farewell party, fell in trying to rescue it.

At once the statesmen on board arose to the crisis. Blakely Hall seized Tracey's two valises and chucked them over the rail. They promptly sank. Another threw a coil of tarred rope with both ends tied inside. That sank too. Andrew Freedman nearly brained Wood with three iron-bound ship's buckets and the whole aggregation were trying to get an anchor overboard when a deckhand rescued Wood with a boathook.

A Cloudburst.

MIDDLETOWN, N.Y., Sept. 2.—A great deal of damage was caused here to-day by a cloudburst. The rain came down in torrents, cellars were filled with water and the sewers flooded beyond their capacity. The loss will be heavy, but can not now be estimated.

LADIES WILL RETALIATE.

Leaving the Theatre Between the Acts Declared Disorderly Conduct.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 2.—The anti-hat ordinance recently passed by the City Council and vigorously enforced during the last week in the local theatres is in grave danger of repeal.

It was not until the theatrical season opened that the ladies discovered the true meaning of the movement, and at De Give's theatre last night one young lady, a social leader, turned away from the door rather than to submit to the anti hat ordinance.

At a gathering of Peachtree street ladies yesterday the Mayor happened to drop in, and the subject of revenue was discussed. The plan resolved upon was to ask the City Council to pass an ordinance declaring the rising from their seats by gentlemen between the acts to be disorderly conduct. The Mayor promised his influence and approval in the passage of such an ordinance.

THE "ANTI-SCALPER" LAW.

Railroad Tickets Can Only be Sold by Railroad Agents.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The first case under the "Anti-Scalper" law, which went into effect yesterday, came up in the Harlem Court to-day. The law prohibits the sale of railroad tickets by any but an accredited agent of the company, and the offense is punishable with imprisonment.

Benjamin Peyser and Harry Wolff, newsboys, were the prisoners. They were charged by an inspector of the Third avenue cable road with selling seven transfer tickets. The boys said that they had received part of the tickets from a conductor and the others from passengers who left the cars at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Inspector Watson said that the company had lost a great deal of money by the sale of transfer tickets. News boys obtained transfer tickets in exchange for papers and sold them at cut rates. The boys were paroled until to-morrow when their cases will be passed upon.

Duluth's Treasury Empty.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 2.—The city funds are practically exhausted and the city employes will probably not be paid for some pay days to come. This embarrassment is attributed to a law passed at the last Legislature allowing taxpayers to June of next year in which to pay their 1897 taxes. The heads of one-third of the police force were severed to-day and five engine-houses of the fire department will be boarded up and all park and other public improvements have been stopped.

The Fire Record.

TROY, N. Y., Sept. 2.—At 4:35 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire called a portion of the fire department to the paper mill of Manning & Paine in Upper River street. A few minutes later a second alarm called out the whole department. The fire was caused by the bursting of an electric light dynamo and the flames spread so rapidly that the employes were obliged to leave the building without stopping the machinery. The loss is placed at $105,000, on which there is an insurance of $65,000. The rear wall fell shortly after seven o'clock, carrying with it the office furniture, including the safe, into the river.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 2.—Diehl & Lord's wholesale beer, cider and soda works suffered a loss by fire last night of $37,000 with $7,000 insurance. Several spectators were hurt as follows: James Buchanan, thigh mangled; Henry Benton, scalp wound and ankle broken; unknown man, arm severely lacerated. These men were struck by a heavy lead soda drum.

Collection of Discriminating Duties Stopped.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Assistant Secretary Howell has instructed the Collector at New York to suspend the collection of discriminating duties under section Twenty-two of the new Tariff law, pending the decision of the Attorney-General. These instructions were issued when it was ascertained that the Collector at New York had been collecting these discriminating duties on goods from Canada.

Plans Approved.

ALBANY, Sept. 2.—The State Canal Board at its meeting to-day approved of plans and estimates for additional work to be done in connection with contracts on the middle and western divisions of the canal awarded under the $9,000,000 improvement act.

State Politics.

CORNING, N. Y., Sept. 2.—The Democrats of Ontario county have nominated for member of Assembly George G. Smith, of Canandaigua; for Sheriff, Mathew T. O'Brien, of Phelps; for County Clerk, John M. Phillips of East Bloomfield; for County Treasurer, James E. Brown, of Geneva.

Another Strike.

PITTSBURG, Kas., Sept. 2.—The miners at Arnott & Company's and the Kansas and Texas shafts have struck for higher wages and an adjustment of screen regulations.

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THE GOLD-SEEKERS

SAID TO BE CROSSING THE DIVIDE AT DYEA.

Between Five and Six Thousand People at Skaguay, Impossible to Cross the White Pass Until Spring—Great Demand for Horses—An International Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—The steamer Del Norte has arrived from Dutch Harbor and the Pribyloff Islands, Alaska, with 30,000 skins for the North American Company.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 2.—The steamer Farallon arrived last night from Dyea and Skaguay. The officers of the steamer tell interesting stories of the condition of affairs at both landings. They say that the gold-seekers at Dyea are slowly but surely crossing the divide and the road for ten miles up the canyon is strewn with tents, provisions, discarded baggage and dead horses. Less than 1,000 people are on the beach at Dyea as all make efforts to get across the divide as soon as landed.

At Skaguay things present a different appearance. There are between 5,000 and 6,000 people there. Less than fifty men have succeeded in getting across White pass and hundreds have given up trying to cross until Spring. The steamer officers say that rain has fallen continuously there for eight days and that it is utterly impossible to cross. All kinds of business is flourishing. Men are selling outfits for little or nothing. A saloon-keeper at Dyea is buying flour, emptying it in a hopper in a tent and selling the empty sacks at seventy-five cents each.

The Farallon's officers deny that a man was killed at Skaguay for stealing, but say that in case of theft death would be the result.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2.—The demand for horses to be used in packing over the passes from Skaguay is increasing and during the present week several hundred horses will be shipped there. There are now at Skaguay about 4,000 horses, and it is difficult to see how this number can be fed during the Winter. Many predict that both men and horses will be starving before Spring and that the horses will be killed and eaten.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 2.—A letter just received from John E. Smith, United States Commissioner at Dyea and Skaguay, intimates that Government officials now on the way to the upper Yukon may, by their official acts, bring on serious international complications with the Dominion Government.

He says: "It is announced here by a Deputy United States Marshal that the United States Government is to make claim to a large portion of the Yukon gold fields which have heretofore been supposed to be in British territory, and that the territory which is claimed as being within Alaska includes Dawson City. The basis of the claim to be made by the United States officials to the disputed territory is in the fact that the boundary line has never been determined and the United States authorities are claiming to possess information as to the surveys made by the Canadian Government that fixes Dawson City and a large portion of the gold district within Alaska."

The Cotton Crop.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 2.—Secretary Hester's annual report shows receipts of cotton at all United States ports for the year of 6,830,100 bales, against 5,420,246 last year; overland, 940,462, against 873,463; southern consumption taken direct 988,362 against 863,685, making the cotton crop of the United States for 1896-97 amount to 8,757,964 bales, against 7,157,346 last year and 9,901,251 year before. Altogether the southern mills took 1,042,671 bales, an increase of 168,000.

A $1,000,000 Order.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 2.—President M. E. Ingalls, of the "Big Four," and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, has concluded a contract with the Pullman Palace Car Company to construct as early as possible 3,000 box freight cars—1,000 each for the Big Four and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroads, at a cost of 1 million dollars.

A New Road to the St. Lawrence.

ALBANY, Sept. 2.—A hearing was given by the State Railroad Commission to-day on the application of the New York & Ottawa Railroad Company for permission to construct a railroad from Moira, Franklin county, to a point on the St. Lawrence river, eighteen miles distant. This would shorten the trip from New York to Canada via the Delaware & Hudson by some fifty odd miles. General Freight Manager Goodwin, of the Central Hudson railroad, and ex-President Hurd, of the Northern New York railroad, will be placed on the stand this afternoon to show that the amount of traffic in that section does not warrant the construction of the proposed road.

Down in Maine.

TROY, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Governor and Mrs. Frank S. Black, accompanied by their son Arthur, left Troy this morning for a ten days' visit to the Governor's former home in Maine.

Chas. H. Fletcher