

*British Ship
Owners Fearful.*

*Apprehensive Lest Congress Pass a Subsidy Bill—Result
Would be Rapid Extension of American Mercantile
Navy and Keener Competition—So Says President of
Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom.*

London, Feb. 5.—At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom today several points, interesting to the United States were raised. Col. Emil Ropner, M. P., president of the organization referred to "crimping" and "blood money" in the United States. He said the chamber earnestly hoped the British ambassador at Washington would succeed in inducing the United States government to introduce legislation making "crimping" a criminal offense.

Regarding ship subsidies, Col. Ropner said the United States would probably pass a ship subsidy bill, with the result that there would be competition of the United States with the navy and keener competition, which would require all the energy and enterprise of British shipowners to meet the United States challenge.

The United Kingdom today passed a resolution urging the British government to make an effort to secure the exemption of British ships from the payment of the tonnage tax levied at United States ports, and to its request the United States government is expected further legislation, to enforce the present federal and state laws in regard to the desertion of seamen and the payment of "blood money."

The president was a letter from the British consul at San Francisco, saying that seamen are not obtainable without "blood money," but Col Ropner explained this by saying there was always a small number of seamen during the first few months of the season.

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Superintendent of Car Service Welch, the recent appointee on the Rio Grande, is one of the party which came West with General Manager J. M. Herbert.

INJURED FIREMEN.

All are Doing Well—Gas Plant to be Rebuilt.

[Special to the "News."]

The Oregon Shore Line officials have been informed that the new headquarters in the Deseret News building will be ready for occupancy March 1.

It is several years since a committee of trainmen waited on the general su-

Ogden, Feb. 5.—The four men who were injured in the big fire and explosion here yesterday are doing well and there will be no fatalities as forecasted in the Salt Lake morning dailies.

The men, whose names are Alonzo Rogers, assistant chief; Ed Lowe, driver; George Lochhead, foreman at the R. G. W. gas house, and J. W. Chaffin, a railroad employe, are all improving. Their injuries are said to not be serious.

The railroads here are already taking steps for the accommodation of the immense crowd of visitors expected to

arrive during the Elk's Grand Lodge convention in this city next August. The first in the field is the Oregon Short Line Railroad company which last night requested from the city council the privilege of laying a temporary track along Third West for the accommodation of the convention. The company is charged to their capacity in Denver and it is thought that with economy it will be possible to make the round trip from Denver to Ogden without recharging.

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INDIANS HOLD THE FORT.

The Alaska Southern Railroad company was chartered at Guthrie, O. T., yesterday to operate a line from Burroughs bay, Alaska, to Laketon, B. C., a distance of 250 miles, with \$2,600,000.

capital stock and with offices at Guthrie, O. T., and Danville, Ill. The incorporators are John W. Bailey, of Katchikan, Alaska; W. D. Ford, of Galena, Kas.; John J. Campbell, E. T. Hill, W. I. and Allen Cook, of Danville, Ill.; J. C. Strange, C. H. Wilson and C. H. Woods;

NEW BILLS BY SUTHERLAND
Senator Kearns Calls at White House
—Mrs. F. J. Cannon Improving.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Congressman Sutherland has introduced a bill granting an increase of pension to

Mrs. Frank Cannon who has been ill

for several days, considerably improved but is still confined to her room.

JUDGE SHURTLIFF.

State Senator Shurtliff, of Ogden, is here the guest of ex-Senator Cannon.

SENATOR KEARNS INTRODUCES

BILL.
Senator Kearns called at the White House this morning. He has introduced in the Senate a bill to amend the act providing for the adjudication of claims arising from Indian depredations, as amended by Congress on March 3, 1875.

TO REIMBURSE WYOMING.
The committee on claims reported favorably the bill of Senator Warren to reimburse the state of Wyoming \$7,800 amount paid by the territory

of Wyoming in protecting and preserving Yellowstone National park from 1884 to 1886.

PENSIONS.

Pensions, Utah—Original, William H. Ash, Salt Lake City, \$14.

Idaho—Increase, James Wolfenberger, Troy, \$8; Robert L. Jimerson, Payette, \$5.

OGDEN WILL ALSO CONTEST.

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[Special to the "News."] Ogdén, Feb. 5.—This morning County Attorney Helverson secured a writ of

habeas corpus in the A. B. Dorey assault case. The defendant was arrested about one week ago on a warrant issued by Justice Parker Hall, and the grounds on which the writ was asked for was that Justice Hall had no legal

right to issue the warrant. The case will be tested before Judge Rolapp on the 15th of this month. Another case, that of Joseph Hall against Albert Williams, involving the same point, will come up before Judge Rolapp on the same day.

The Mysic Belle Picked Up. New York, Feb. 5.—The barge Mysic Belle, one of the Three Richmonds' tow, which broke away and drifted out to sea in Sunday's gale, was picked up

The captain of the Cuba said all of the crew of the Mystic Belle had suffered much from exposure but that all of them would recover.

Robbed of \$2,500.
New York, Feb. 5.—Early today four masked men entered the office of Geo. Hill, a contractor of Elizabethport, N. J., who is constructing car shops for the Jersey Central railroad, and after

The Jersey Central Railroad, said, gagging a watchman, carried off \$3,500. The watchman in trying to free himself was struck over the head with a piece of iron and was badly hurt.