### Tondon Adbertiser. TELEPHONE CALLS.

LONDON. TUESDAY MAY 3.

#### The Secret Memorandum.

The Government has shown forbear ance is not pressing the matter of the stolen Blair memorandum, which came into the hands of the leader of the Opposition, and was read by him in the House of Commons. Mr. Borden com promised himself by this use of a confidential and therefore prohibited document, and his position might have been made intolerable had the Government chosen to push the inquiry. The incident is no less surprising than unfortunate, as Mr. Borden had a reputation for high-mindedness, and for scrupulous observance of the parliamentary interest; and any compensation awardcode of honor. He must have known, ed must not come either directly or inas a public man, that the Blair docusanction of the Governor-General, act- the country higher license duties in who, on his deathbed, was making his sume that he was not aware of the at present for suppressing the evil of inviolable secrecy which should have congested drink areas. covered the memorandum which he Mr. Balfour defended the bill on the the case as follows:

not only secret in theory, but secret not only secret in theory, but secret in reality. In the present practice diminish the hardship attached to their no official minute in all ordinary cases reduction. is kept of them. Even a private note is discouraged and disliked. The HOUSE OF COMMONS, EVEN IN ITS MOST INQUISITIVE AND carrying the measure.
TURBULENT MOMENTS WOULD SCARCELY PERMIT THE NOTE OF A CABINET MEETING TO BE READ. No Minister who respected the fundamental usages of political practice would permit the reading of such a note. The committee which unites the law-making power with the law-executing power -which by virtue of that function is. while it lasts and holds together, the most powerful body in the state-is a committee wholly secret. No description of it, at once graphic and authentic, has ever been given. It is said to be sometimes like a rather disorderly board of directors, where many speak, but few listen-though

Our Canadian Todd, whose work is the vade mecum of parliamentarians He says:

upon matters which engage their at- need for a reorganization. tention are strictly private and confidential; being kept secret, even from other members of the Administration, who have no seat in the Cabinet, and therefore are not directly responsible for the conduct of the Government. Upon their first introduction in the Privy Council, Ministers are sworn to secrecy: they are not at liberty thenceforth to divulge conversations or proceedings in council-or to reveal to others any confidential communications they may have had either with the sovereign or with a colleague in office—without the permission of the crown. This applies equally to those who have ceased to form part of the Administration as mbers of the existing Cabinet.'

The permission of the crown means in this country, of course, the permission of the Governor-General, Todd cites a case which happened in 1832, and which exactly fits Mr. Borden's offense. The Marquis of Anglesey, then lord-lieutenant of Ireland, and consea letter to the Prime Minister, Lord House of Commons with saying that fair hand, "but I have for the rings I Grey, for the information of the Cabinet, stating his views with regard to Ireland. This letter was afterwards read to the House of Commons by Mr. Hume to the great indignation of Lord no public reference could fairly be been produced to the public by a most foul and scandalous breach of confidence." This view was concurred in by the House of Lords without a dis-

It can be said of Mr. Blair's memorandum, as truly as it was said of Lord Anglesey's letter, that no public reference could fairly be made to No one would accuse Mr. Borden of being privy to the conspiracy to procure or purloin the Blair document. His offense is in making public for party purposes a document which he knew could have come into his possession only through theft or "a scandalous breach of confidence." There is nothing new or sensational in Mr. Blair's paper, nothing that can damage the Government or make party capital. The wonder is that those who are responsible for its publication should have resorted to immoral means when there was nothing to be gained.

#### License Legislation in Great Britain.

The bill to amend the Licensing Acis, introduced as a Government measure it freely in some communities. Mr. Akers-Douglas, in introducing the bili, this had inflicted great loss on many in the world pays its employes such who had conducted their houses in a high wages. No corporations or prirespectable manner, resulting in dis- vate business could afford such a couraging men of substance and good character from entering the business. The Government held that to prevent this, compensation should be granted those whose licenses were taken away on grounds of public policy. The measure of compensation is to be the difference between the value of the to try on she was guided as much by this compensation should be granted

TWO EDITIONS DAILY - WEEKLY. will be fixed by the inland revenue 134 self. The fund will be administered by the quarter sessions, which will raise contributions based upon the annual value of the licensed houses in their respective districts. The scale will be a graduated one, so that a higher charge will be imposed upon the larger charge will be imposed upon the larger It is estimated that the raised for compensation throughout the country will amount to over £1,000,000 a year. The bill deprives magistrates of the power to cancel licenses and transfers it to the

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, declared that he would fight the bill at every stage. He said For me no splendid, lofty flight there were three points upon which his party is firm-there must be no tampering with the discretion of the ma-gistrates; no change which would give the liquor seller anything like a vested

The simple, homely, little song
That in the hearts of high and low
Is ever sweetly lingering,
The common song that all men know,
And only lack the words to sing. directly out of public funds. He did ment, having formed part of the secret not see why the state should meddle records of the cabinet council, could in the matter at all, and he feared that not, with propriety, be produced or 1e- what the Government proposed to do that he greatly enjoyed the following ferred to in Parliament without the would render it difficult to obtain for story: It was of Con Creegan's father, ing on the advice of the Ministry. Con- the future. He regarded the bill as a strength to do so, was plentifully plied stitutional usage on this point is clear timid concession for party purposes to with punch by Con and a group of awake, perhaps, to find themselves priand unmistakable. It would be an in- a great and powerful trade. It would sult to Mr. Borden's intelligence to as- invalidate the means which existed

first gave to the public. Any manual ground that it relieved magistrates of parliamentary practice would have from the difficulty in which they were lavin' ye." told him this. Bagehot in his standard now placed, when they often had to work on the British constitution puts choose between acting in accordance with the interests of the public and "The most curious point about the inflicting hardships on a publican. The Cabinet is that so very little is measure, in his opinion, would encour-known about it. The meetings are age the reduction of licenses and would age the reduction of licenses and would of Sutherland. It can be said, more-

> The cable dispatches indicate the Government will have no difficulty in

> Togo has had his first reverse, but he will be all the keener Togo at 'em again.

It is now admitted that Mr. Chamberlain is not a well man. And things Forth, forth, while yet 'tis time, before the spring is past. seem to be going ill with his cause.

The House of Commons daily reports progress on the G. T. P. bill, but hear the country report progress when the G. T. P. gets under way.

Mr. Clergue is, as usual, confident of the success of the Soo reorganization plans. If Mr. Clergue's optimism had "The deliberations of the Cabinet a cash value there would have been no This is the mirthful time when every

> St. Petersburg dispatches say the Russians retreated from the Yalu in good order, but as they left machine guns and a good deal of ammunition Blos behind them it is probable that the Japs forced the pace a little.

It is said there is no such thing as ronto to Sudbury three or four weeks ever before. ago, but the C. P. R. suddenly jumps in and has started to build a road over the same route. The public is not averse to rivalry in railway enterprise

An English newspaper credits an the eastern division of the Grand Trunk Pacific will traverse a land of "musk eggs and stunted pine." The London Financial News calls this a funny error, and then proceeds to be Grey, who said it was "a letter to which even funnier by solemnly telling its contemporary that the M. P. referred made,' adding that "it could only have to "Muskego," the trapper's name for the musk rat. The word used by the M. P. was, of course, "muskeg," meaning a sort of bog. But Canadians who talk in that strain are just about as boggy as the London News and its contemporary.

> Hamilton's bait for new industries is described by the Herald. The Petrie Company, which will move to Hamilton from Guelph, gets a fixed assessment of \$5,000 for 14 years and will build on a newly annexed district of the city where taxes are less than ten mills. The company, no matter how much it will spend in lands and build- out the change the company would not ings, will pay in taxation for 14 years have gone ahead. Then, according to substantial bonus, and it is a question ment would have to build the road from Edmonton to the Pacific, and whether Hamilton's generosity is a paying investment. Says the Heraid:

"Much public money will have to be spent on road-making in the new district, on water supply and sewerage, and on providing police and fire protection. The more factories, the more money the city will have to spend; and it is to be feared that the burden of increased expenditure, falling as it will almost wholly upon the older part of the city, will press heavily on the taxpayers.'

#### NEW YORK'S BIG BUDGET.

[World's Work.] city budget of New York amounts to \$106,000,000 a year. entire cost of maintaining the Federal Government for the year 1903-04 was only \$464,000,000. But the city of New York spends vastly more than \$106,-With its many issues of public bonds for improvements, its expenditures run up to \$150,000,000 or more. New York pays salaries to more than 46,000 persons, amounting to about \$55,000,000 a year. No other city New York pays salaries to more drain upon its resources.

WOMEN'S HATS AND SHOULDERS

[Londen Truth.]

THE SONG OF SONGS. [S. E. Kiser.] There may be epics still to write
When Homer's cantos are forgot,
And fame may be for them who smite
The lyre to tell how heroes fought.

Go steep themselves in classic lore, And in ecstatic trances dream And sing the splendid legends o'er

Beyond the vision of the throng,
But O that it were mine to write
The simple, homely, little song

## BISHOP FARLEY'S STORY.

[Argonaut.] Farley, who has been visiting the Vatican finds that Pope Pius has a keen sense of humor, and reports will, and, in order that he might have

Toward the close the dving man cried to his son: "Ah, Con, Con! Just touch my lips once more with the jug. Whist, my son, you watered the drink."
"No, indeed, father, dear," while a low murmur of pity chorused through the cabin; "but it's the taste that's is now in communication with the Jalavin', you." Whist, my son, you watered the drink."

#### LORD OF THE McKAYS.

[Tororto Globe.] It is fitting that Hon. James Sutherand should show some attention to the visiting chieftain of his clan, the Duke ver, that the duke is lord over more McKays than Mr. Sutherland even. Sutherlandshire, where the duke's most extensive estate is situated, is the land of the McKays. Many Zorra men of that name are the descendants of the Sutherland McKays.

#### IN SPRINGTIDE. [Lewis Morris.]

This is the hour, the day. The time, the season sweet. Quick! listen, laggard feet, Brook not delay: Love flies, youth pauses, Maytide will not

The summer's glories shine From all her garden ground, With lilies prankt around, And roses fine; he pink blooms or white upon the bursting trees, prose and violet sweet, what charm has June like these?

This is the time of song—
From many a joyous throat,
Mute all the dull year long,
Soars love's clear note: Summer is dumb, and faint with dust and

Fair day of larger light, Life's own appointed hour, Young souls bud forth in white— The world's a-flower. Thrill youthful heart; soar upward, lim-pid voice: rsoming time is come-rejoice, rejoice

#### THE AGE LIMIT INCREASING. [Simcoe Reformer.]

A centenarian like the Hon. David Wark is now a phenomenal curiosity competition between railways, but but the time is coming when men will Mackenzie and Mann do not think so. be young at the century mark. There They secured a Government guarantee of their bonds for a railway from Toronto to Sudbury three on four works

#### A REMINDER. [Philadelphia Press.]

'You may not remember me, Miss aged to you once. "Indeed!" she replied coldly, "you have quite a memory for faces.

#### THE COMMONS DEBATE

the Mountain Section o G. T. P .- Private Bills Read.

Ottawa, May 2.-A number of priing before the House today and passed. The bill respecting the Quebec and Lake Huron Railway Company, the bill to incorporate the Boundary, Kam-loops and Cariboo Central Railway, and the bill to incorporate the Interprovincial Railway Bridge Company. Clause 4 of the G. T. P. contract was

taken up, when the House went into This clause calls for an increase of the Government's guarantee on the mountain section to threefourths of \$30,000 a mile. Mr. Lennox argued from this that the cost of this section would be \$26 .-875,000, as compared with \$15,000,000 or last year's contract, and that the ir terest paid by the Government would

be increased \$1,260,000. less than \$50 a year. This is a pretty the Opposition's scheme, the Governgive the Canadian Northern and G. T P. running rights over it. This meant he argued, that the country would be saddled with this large interest charge forever, and not for seven years only Clause 5 was passed, providing that the Government shall implement its guarantee upon bonds of the mour tain section and prairie section to bring the guarantee up to 75 per cent of total cost in the one case and \$15, 000 per mile in the latter.

Clause 6 was also passed. It pro vides that the Government shall not exercise any rights in regard to taking ever the road until the company shall have made five years' default in in terest

after such default the road shall be placed in the hands of a receiver, to the Government and the company until all arrears shall have been paid, when it shall revert to the G. T. P., were The House adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

THE POWELL MURDER TRIAL.

Dover, Del., May 3. - The real fight for the life of Mrs. Mary Ann Powell began today. Attorney-General Warr called the states witnesses in rapid order to prove that the prisoner had wantonly and brutally murdered Essie Albin on Feb. 9 last because of jealousy.

A COSTLY BLAZE Indianapolis, May 3.-Fire at th

# WILL ROB WAR OF ITS HORRORS

Hungarian Invents a Shell, Gas-Charged, Which Will Stupefy Armies.

Budapest, Hungary, May 2. - At las it has been discovered how to make a military omelet without breaking the eggs, Hereafter war may be bloodless: ship's companies, battalions, whole armies may be placed hors-de-combat, but only temporarily. In the middle of the wildest charge squadrons of caval-ry may be reduced from a state of heroic fury to beatific anaesthesia, and may instantly be precipitated, in most regular formation into peaceful slum-

In a word a Hungarian genius has invented a shell which, on bursting, liberates a gas warranted to stupefy all who breathe it, without causing any permanent or serious effect. When such a soporific shell bursts between decks on a battleship, the crew will promptly lie down to sleep, and soners in a hostile port.

Let a number of such shells explode over a fortress, and not the fortress,

but the garrison, will fall-into coma. panese Government, so it is not improbable that Port Arthur and Vladivostock may be as quiet soon as the palace of the Sleeping Beauty. The inventor's Hungarian hatred of Russia, dating back to 1848, prevented him from approaching the Czar, to whose pacifis ideas such a humane shell would ap-

to \$10.50. peal strongly. Of course such a shell would revolutionize warfare. The hospital corps would become the most important branch of the service and would need to be enormously increased in order that prostrated combatants could be removed from the field and restored to

The next Hague convention would have to agree that all who were asphyxiated by this gas should consider hemselves dead until the war ended. And what would happen when oppos ing artilleries employed the wonderful shell? Each side would surely increase values—40c to \$2.00. the charges of gas until some would be killed by an overdose of it. Thus the

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