

Scandal Looms Up.

Government Suppressed Important Part of the Northern Telegraph Correspondence.

Mr. Blair Told Other Applicants of a Promise to Roche Company.

Congratulated Roche on His Prospects—Marvellous Change of Front.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 21.—For several hours to-day the Commons discussed what looks like one of the biggest scandals of the session. Col. Prior brought up the matter of the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company. Letters of Mr. Roche and Dr. Haley, M.P., to Mr. Tarte and that minister's reply were quoted in the Colonist correspondence some days ago, when the papers were brought down.

But it now appears that in bringing down the papers the government kept back communications between the Roche-Haley company and Messrs. Blair and Laurier. Col. Prior read two other letters from Mr. Blair to Roche. In one of them Blair promised Roche the support and assistance of the government in the enterprise. In the other, which was sent to Roche at New York, Blair informed Roche that a representative of another company had been speaking to him and that he (Blair) told this representative that the department of railways had an understanding with the Roche company.

Blair assured Roche of the sympathy of the government and expressed satisfaction with his good prospects. This was last October. Roche organized his company, bought wire, got ready for operations, and only learned in April this year that the government was about to provide telegraph service as a public work. It was after that when he and the member for Hautes-Rouges, Mr. Tarte, offered the excuse that he had known nothing of the intentions of the Roche-Haley company and that the company had itself to blame for not bringing the matter before the proper department.

After Col. Prior had read these suppressed papers which he received from the company's solicitor, Blair explained that he had written the letters but the last one was confidential and Roche was a gentleman of honor and would have made it public. Blair said he had no information from October till March that Roche's company was doing anything and therefore thought that Roche's conduct was justified in going on without him.

Ottawa, June 21.—Sir Charles Tupper reviewed Mr. Blair's conduct in promising the assistance of the government to Roche, and after declaring in writing that the railway department had an understanding with Roche's company, he declared that he would not give that company preference without a word of notice to the company striking down the telegraph lines. Sir Charles vigorously denounced the dealing, breach of faith and double dealing of the ministers, and declared that the whole matter was calculated to bring disgrace on the government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a lame reply and was followed by Mr. Foster, who stated that as the government had no appropriation for the work, it was evident they had taken the revenues of Yukon to build the line, and would ask parliament to indemnify them. The subject was dropped, but later in the sitting the United States lines were reached. The opposition had great difficulty in procuring full information. Mr. Fielding being in extremely bad temper. The opposition had great information about J. B. Charleson, who has charge of the telegraph construction party.

Mr. Fielding gave a smart reply, and Mr. Wallace said he was flippant and impertinent. Mr. Fielding, white with rage, demanded that the report be withdrawn. The chairman ruled against Mr. Wallace, and the decision of the chair being challenged, was sustained on a vote of 39 to 10. Mr. Wallace thereupon withdrew the word "impertinent."

Notes. Hon. Hugh John Macdonald arrived here to-day, and visiting the Canadian legation got a rousing reception. Charles and Mr. Macdonald left for Toronto to-night.

Martinism Exposed.

Attorney-General Makes Pitiful Exhibition at a Rossland Banquet.

Threatens to Cut Off Appropriations Because Disloyalty Is Resented.

His Face Slapped by Indignant Citizen Before the Scene Is Ended.

Special to the Colonist.

Rossland, June 21.—The banquet to C. H. Mackintosh on Tuesday night was a very elaborate and on the whole a highly successful and gratifying affair. The harmony of the occasion was marred, however, by an incident in which Mr. Joseph Martin was the principal figure. Mr. Martin was replying to the toast to the Dominion and Provincial parliament and had spoken at considerable length in reference to the war of 1876 with the United States, and constitutional government generally, declaring that he would have borne arms at that time against England. The audience became very restless and the interruptions were so frequent that Martin could not proceed except with difficulty. Finally the speaker lost his temper completely and declared that on the morrow he would see to it that the government grant for the Rossland court house was cancelled and that no government aid of any sort would be given to Rossland.

Yellow Fever at Santiago.

American Troops Taking Precautions Against This Dread Enemy.

Washington, June 21.—Surgeon Wymann of the marine hospital service, to-day received a cable from Dr. Park, the quarantine officer at Santiago, reporting the existence at that port of fourteen cases of yellow fever and four deaths from that cause. Dr. Park also states that the American troops had evacuated the barracks and their bedding and baggage were being disinfected.

Seen Drilling for Kruger.

Dutchmen at the Cape Preparing to Assist Him—British Troops Ready.

By Associated Press. Capetown, June 21.—The activity of the war office authorities has been suspended in the matter of contracts for certain military requisites, on the ground that the regiments are now ready to leave Capetown for Kimberley at short notice.

An engine driver on the Cape railway declares that he has seen men armed and mounted engaged in drilling at Hout Kraal, near Deonar and Ponsontan, not far from Kimberley. He was informed that they were Dutchmen preparing to assist the Boers in the event of hostilities. Mr. Martin reiterated his threat and repeated his opinion of the Transvaal. Several of the guests took the remarks of Mr. Martin personally and attempted to get close enough to strike him after he had gone into the lobby. They were prevented except in one instance, when Mr. Martin was struck in the face. Martin was taken to hospital and showed a white feather. He re-entered the hall and standing in his place said: "You shall have the \$30,000 court house, but I will not even visit this crowd before I have done with you. You can depend on that."

Vanouver and Vicinity.

Nearby Mining Property Bonded—First Gold for Official Assay—Lacrosse Player Gone.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, June 21.—J. G. Thompson, who arrived from Cariboo yesterday, denounces the eight-hour law as absurd and unjust. "I have been in Kootenay since 1895," he says, "and never saw anything effect the mining industry so seriously. Hon. Mr. Hume's fastest friends are opposed to this law. Kootenay people are afraid to give the country a black eye by referring to it. Deals are dropping like a stone on account of it. Every cent capital shuns the country. Everything is closed down in Sandon, where a year ago 1,000 tons a day were going out."

First Result of Conference.

Adoption of Report of Committee on Amendments to Geneva Convention. The Hague, June 20.—The Brussels conference sub-committee of the international peace conference convened to-day, Prof. De Martens of the Russian delegation presiding. The drafting committee's report was amended in regard to according greater protection to neutral states, defining the rights of civil population to organize for resistance and to have arms as toward armed civilians. The report of the sub-committee will now be presented to the conference and it is believed that nearly all the powers will adopt new articles as a basis of instructions for armies when entering the field. The Geneva convention committee held a session to-day to consider the report of its sub-committee. Capt. Whelan of the American delegation again drew attention to the omission of an article defining the exact status of wounded and shipwrecked men falling into the sea during a battle and picked up by hospital ships. He also proposed three additional articles which were referred to the drafting committee.

French Shore Dispute.

Aggressive Action of the Foreigners Exciting Indignation in Newfoundland. St. John's, Nfld., June 22.—The colonial ministry maintains that the French warship and fishermen, in trying to as- sert their unjustifiable claims on the French shore this season, seriously com- plicate the settlement of the whole question. Reports from the French shore counsel for Great Britain design and a wide- spread action to carry this object into effect, with results most disastrous to the interests of the colony.

Conferees between Commodore Geo. A. Gifford, commanding the British squadron in Newfoundland waters, and the members of the cabinet continue daily. so-called Spanish title, further asserting that it had failed miserably, as both the Dutch and Spanish historians agreed, that there was only one Spanish settlement on the Orinoco before 1720.

They Clinch and Roll on the Pavement Until Policemen Interfere.

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One sign of hesitancy on the part of the British government now means a defeat for the Boers. It is not a case for intervention, but a case for intervention, and the only answer is that things will right themselves if left alone, but, in fact, the Boers have been fighting for a large number of years, and has led from their going from bad to worse. Here Sir Alfred's own words: "It is out of the question to withhold aid from the Transvaal, its alliance with the Orange Free State, and the active sympathy which in case of war it would receive from a large section of our Majesty's subjects."

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Australian Federation.

Favorable View in New South Wales Ensures Adoption of the Proposal. Melbourne, June 21.—The referendum on the federation proposal will be voted in Victoria toward the end of next month.

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MR. BILL'S TROUBLES.

Insists That His Money Was Taken but Speaks Well of His Wife. Nanaimo, June 21.—(Special) Mr. Bill, husband of Margarita Bill, who left for Victoria on the same train as John Salvioli, which fact was stated by Salvioli to be a mere accident, was seen this afternoon by a Colonist representative and apparently in a state of uneasiness he invited the reporter into his house. "Mr. Bill, you are having trouble with your wife and child?" asked the representative. "Yes, yes," was the reply. "Sit down. I tell you about it. My woman, she is a good woman, but bad, very bad temper. Oh, very short temper. Some time we quarrel. Last Sunday I see her at Salvioli's house; she tell me she go to Victoria Monday morning. I stand on track and wave my hat good-bye. When I come home from work I find she steal my trunk. I tell policeman arrest 'em. 'Did my wife send you here to talk to me?' 'No,' said the reporter. 'I am in the newspaper.'"

Dumdum Bullets.

British Delegate Favors Use Against Savage Foe—Conference Votes Adversely. Disarmament Proposals Thrown Out—No New Explosives From Balloons. Arbitration Scheme May Yet Be Arranged to Satisfy the Germans. The Hague, June 22.—After a short session of the sub-committee of war and navy, at which reports by Major-General Denby, Footsargal of the Dutch delegation, and Count Soltyk, the Austrian naval expert, were adopted, the first committee met to discuss them. The delegates declared in favor of an armistice using any new explosives or new inventions for ordnance, Russia and Bulgaria refraining from voting.

SHOT MISTRESS AND SUICIDED.

Coanbrook the Scene of Tragedy Ending Two Blasted Careers. By Associated Press. Cranbrook, June 20.—Miss Lillian Atwood was shot and instantly killed in a house of prostitution by Harry Brant, a piano player, who immediately killed himself. The circumstances are tragic in the extreme. The woman, who was young and beautiful, formerly lived in Minneapolis, where her husband was engaged in business on Lake Calhoun. There she met Brant, who owned a pleasure yacht on the lake, and became infatuated with him. Atwood had left and came to Fernie, where he secured work as a musician in the houses of prostitution, and she followed him. Two weeks ago they came to Cranbrook and rented rooms for housekeeping. On Friday they quarrelled. This morning he returned and about noon called on her. There was no quarrelling on the contrary, he seemed in the best of humor. Rising to go, he suddenly pulled his revolver and shot her three times, causing instant death. He walked to the door, hesitated a moment, and then went back into the house and shot the shot that ended his career. The tragedy has caused great excitement in the town.

CHICAGO MAIL ROBBERIES.

Two Drivers Have Been Making Away With Letters by Wholesale. Chicago, June 20.—What is regarded by Post Office Inspector James Stuart as one of the largest and boldest mail robberies in the history of the Chicago post office was detected to-day, and the arrest of Walter Porter and John Newman, drivers of mail wagons at the post office, followed. Porter made a full confession, implicating Newman. A large amount of money orders and packages taken by the men were found in their lodging house at 200 West Madison street. In the pile were letters, money orders and checks directed to all parts of the country and Europe. One check found in the pile was for \$20,000, payable to the Chicago bank at Anconada. A large amount of robbers had been in the employ of the Chicago post office only since June 1, and that all thefts were committed since that time, while the prisoners were held in the post office. The scheme of the post office inspectors is to keep the active and talented men in a position of helms, constantly changing under undoubted grievance, and was proposed by the government for protection. This policy steadily undermining the influence and reputation of Great Britain and respect for government within the Queen's dominions.

OUR FOR APPENDICITIS.

Muscular Manipulation Used With Success by a New York Doctor. New York, June 19.—One of the most unusual operations yet recorded in surgery was performed recently on a young woman in this city, by which was effected the cure of a case of appendicitis. No knife was used, no medicine, no poisons, no ice packs—none of the usual methods of physicians and surgeons to treat this most serious of ailments. So simple was the method, and so quick, that only eight minutes elapsed from the time the physician reached the patient until she was able to get up and walk. He believes, successfully. The patient is now 20 years old and belongs to an excellent family in Harlem. She does not care to have her name connected with the story, so it is withheld. The operation was performed by Dr. Geo. S. Helmes, of Madison avenue and Thirty-first street.

GERMANY'S NEW ISLANDS.

Beron Von Buelow on Future Relations With New Neighbors. Berlin, June 21.—In the reichstag to-day, discussing the recent purchase from Spain Baron Von Buelow said: "We hold it to be our first duty to see that our relations with other powers are undisturbed by the new acquisition and hope that our relations with the immediate neighbors of the islands, namely, the Americans and Japanese, will only become more intimate. We have not thought of placing ourselves in opposition to the Americans in the South Pacific and we as little wish to prejudice American interests as America contemplates injuring us without cause or retaliation. We are interested in these regions should not, side by side, forward the work of peace and civilization. We hope through the treaty, which harmoniously ends the political and economic differences, that the relations between the Germans and the Spaniards will become of the friendliest and which existed in the Transvaal itself at the time of and long after the withdrawal of British sovereignty."

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