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### CHEAPER CABLES.

The statement is made that the Canadian government is blocking the way to cheaper cablegrams. Such a charge is astomnding, and one would suppose that it could hardly be well founded; but the Ottawa Journal, which usually takes a fair view of all public matters, states emphatically that the Ottawa government is deliberately preventing negotiations. We quote from our contemporary:

regoriations. We quote from the Contemporary:

The British government is willing to examine the case. The Canadian government was thought willing to do so. Mr. Lemieux, our postmaster-general, was known to be willing to do so. At this stage, the lobbylists of the cable and telegraph companies got busy at and telegraph companies got busy at Ottawa. They entered protests against

interference.

They are not thought to have daunted Mr. Lemieux, but they evidently captured other ministers.

The first public intimation that the Dominion government had become the tool of the cable monopoly came when Mr. Buxton, the British postmaster-

general, told the Imperial Press Conference in London that the Imperial government had been and continued ready to discuss the question of cheaper cable rates, but had received an intimation from the Dominion government that Canada wished to postpone consideration of the matter. This was bad enough, so bad that The Journal was inclined to think that Mr. Buxton had misinterpreted the case; but Mr. Lemieux later was found obliged to confirm the statement.

The postponement was, however, supposed to be merely temporary. An

to maintain an Australian unit of the Pacific fleet and New Zealand is to contribute to the maintenance of the China unit.

The London press seems to be all but unanimous in its approval of the plan. Undoubtedly there will be an element in Canada that will greatly regret the policy that the Dominion government is prepared to adopt. They would have preferred to have seen a direct contribution to the Royal Navy; but, while we are by no means unfavorable to such a view as a part of the duty of Canada, we do not lose sight of the fact that Canada must provide for naval addence on two oceans. The contribution of one or more ships to the Royal Navy would not have had any significance as regards the Western coast of Canada. We shall await with great interest a fuller statement of the proposals. As far as they go they are satisfactory. It would be unwise to criticize them without full details at hand and without expert opinion, which at this stage is not available.

A TARIFF WAR

The Mail and Empire wants Canada to meet "tariff by tariff," and says "as a matter of fact our tariff upon United States goods will stand an increase." A very wise Conservative, no less a personage than Sir John Macdonald, once described this sort of retallation as "cutting off one's nose to spite one's face," but alas, some Conservatives seem to have fallen away from the common sense ideas which inspired the great leader, and, if they are not brought to their senses in some way, will keep their party in the cold shades of opposition for the next quarter of a century. When a few United States politicians, inspired by some railway managers, sought to secure the abolition of the bonding privilege enjoyed by Canadians in respect to goods in transit through the United States shippers of the same privilege on goods in transit through the Dominion, and it was sit through the Dominion, and it was the would-be runwise to criticize them without thu deaths at hand and without the death at his article which at this street is not available.

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Contemporary says common people of Spain object to war! That's one of the troubles with common people. They object to being killed in other

That's a terrible story, which comes from Melilla about twenty-five per cent. of the Spanish army have died from battle or disease. Happily it comes from a source that calls for confirmation

The cablegram relating to the vessels for the use of the Canadian navy needs to be explained a little more fully before any one can comment upon it. It says Canadian vessels ought to be of the "Bristol" type. We find no Bristol in the Navy List.



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The Romanoffs constit house of Russia. They dif reigning houses that have sidered in the fact that the nymic and not taken from first of them to bear the Michael Romanoff, who w position in 1613 after the ancient House of Rurik. descended from Michael On the male side the presen lineage to Karl, Duke of who a little less than two ried the daughter of Peter alogically the name of the ily that has occupied the th Romanoff-Holstein.

In the later part of the beginning of the Seventeen lay practically at the feet country was itself torn by which had culminated in Tsar Dimitri. After seven and uncertainty as to who nobles met to choose a ne throne, and the choice fell manoff, of whom it was sai support lay chiefly in the father, for he himself was sixteen years. His reign v disturbed by other claiman but he held his own and ha father with him in the go very excellent administrate the country was opened to and some historians say tha to autocratic power. Hather of Peter the Great. ily was not of royal descen the members of the family wife of Ivan the Terrible of Rurik. Of Rurik little c sesses any historical value. ers are said to have come in 862 and it is alleged that princes. Many of the des were very remarkable mer known, the family is absolu

The reigning family of of Savoy. Its founder v Whitehanded, who is said scended from Boso of Pro one of whose sons became peror under the title of Lor bert was born about the services rendered he recei including the country of his descendents took their were made to the territory at the close of the Twelft was a very formidable pow dred years the family has d of great prominence in Eur daughters married into othe in England, France, Spain ar of them having been wife of Constantinople. The sons cor with many royal houses, and p say with safety that in no rul day is the blood of so many o represented as in the King Amadeus II. married Mary of ter of Henrietta of England mate heir to the crown after the Old Pretender. It is a des who is now regarded by a fe legitimate queen of England. The House of Savoy beca

cime of Victor Amadeus II., nized as King of the Island of s Duke of Savoy, he had acq tria in exchange for Sicily. of the last century the Sard forced to abandon his contine and retire to Sardinia. He re Battle of Waterloo and re-to-Savoy, continuing to rule in a to Austria. The Austrian con off in 1848. Italy was at this among several princes, and th temporal power over what we States of the Church. After