

THE BRINK OF BATTLE.

The House Bill Sanctioning the Venezuelan Boundary Commission Passes the Senate.

A Gentleman Who Inquires as to What the Cost Will Amount to.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The foreign relations committee of the senate, which has under consideration the commission bill suggested by the President, adjourned and a virtual agreement was reached as to what should be done.

Mr. Mills, of Texas, said that war with Great Britain would be no child's play. He was for peace if it could be obtained honorably. The two governments had arrived at a place where they could not agree and neither would yield.

Mr. Sherman regretted that there should be an attempt to pass this bill under the press of excitement, especially as that extreme was not founded on actual danger.

Mr. Mills of Texas said to engage in war was not child's play. The strength of the enemy must not be underestimated. With Senator Sherman, he said, his voice was for peace, but it must be honorable and consistent peace.

"We are standing on the brink of battle," said he, "and prudence requires that we should look to our strong box."

Lodge (Rep., Mass.) said he would not offer his amendment heretofore proposed. He would limit the inquiry to April 1 next. There should be no division on this subject.

Mr. Stewart (Nev.) pointed out the constant encroachments of Great Britain in Venezuela, Nicaragua and various points in the Western world.

slow and measured sentences, which were heard with great attention, said: "It is because I think war imminent, if the contentions of either side are strenuously pressed, that I hope for conservative action by the senate."

After further debate, Mr. Chandler here moved to lay on the table the amendment of committee reported by Mr. Morgan. This was adopted by a viva voce vote and with few dissenting votes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Secretary of the Treasury has completed and signed new sealing regulations for the government of American vessels during the coming sealing season in Behring sea.

General Laurie says Her Young Men Are Ready to Offer Their Services.

They Are Determined to Remain Part of the British Empire.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—General Laurie, formerly a member of the Canadian House of Commons, who arrived in London during the early part of the week, said during the course of an interview upon the sensational reports in circulation, that while he firmly believed that President Cleveland's message to congress on the Venezuelan question was only an "electioneering kite," it must be recognized that there is a large amount of inflammable material in the United States to which President Cleveland has applied a match, and which at any moment may get beyond his control.

"AN AWKWARD DILEMMA." (From the News-Advertiser.) Our good friend, the Victoria Times, is in a rather awkward dilemma at the present time.

The steam collier San Mateo, laden from Comox for San Francisco, passed out to sea yesterday.

OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL. LATE EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Contract Renewed With Mr. Huddart for the Canadian-Australian Steamship Service.

The Secretaries to the Controllers of Customs and Inland Revenue Unchanged.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The gratifying intelligence was received by the Premier to-day that the parliament of New South Wales has renewed for three years the subsidy to the direct Australian steamship line, of which Mr. James Huddart is manager.

Capt. C. F. Winter, Mr. Wood's private secretary, will act in that capacity for Hon. E. G. Prior, and Mr. Bristol, Mr. Wallace's secretary, will act for Mr. Wood.

The militia changes in the British Columbia battalion announced to-day are: To be second lieutenants provisionally, James Matthews Buxton, Frederick Whiting Alexander, Captain Charles Bennett on the Queen's Own Rifles, Henry Clifford Godden, John Reynolds Tite and Harold Hyde Baker.

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JOINTLY CHARGED WITH MURDER. The police court investigation into the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Mary Ellen Jones opened to-day at the Victoria Police court.

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Rumors of Wars Fail to Affect London Society or Leading Public Men.

Movements of Royalty—Truth's Doll and Toy Show—Mrs. Maybrick Again.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An example of the calm prevailing in political circles here in the face of the Venezuelan complications, is shown in the absence from London of leading politicians who are most interested in public affairs.

THE VENEZUELAN TROUBLE. The Marquis of Salisbury, Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, came to town for the regular reception at the foreign office, but returned to Hatfield the same evening.

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CARDWELL ELECTION.

ORANGEVILLE, Dec. 21.—(Special).—The fight in Cardwell is probably the hottest on record for years, while the riding swarms with workers and speakers. The voters are out in hundreds enjoying the contest; the weather is particularly mild and there is nothing to interfere with the canvass.

NORTH ONTARIO ELECTION. At a special meeting of Orangemen held at Peterboro on Saturday last in order to hear the returns of the North Ontario election, the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

1. That this meeting, composed of Orangemen of the county of Peterborough, desire to give public expression to their gratification at the election of Bro. Bowell's candidate, Bro. McGillicuddy, in North Ontario, and to express the hope that his candidature in Cardwell, Mr. Willoughby, may also be elected.

HER CARGO SHIFTED. POST TOWNSEND, Dec. 21.—(Special).—The ship Wachusett, from Nainaimo for San Francisco, put back from sea and arrived in port to-night with her cargo badly shifted, the result of an encounter with recent gales off the Northern coast.

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THE VEILED WARBLER.

Street Singer That Puzzled the French Capital For Three Months. Once, and once only, was it given to Paris to be puzzled by a street singer. The apparition only lasted three months, but while it lasted it was most perplexing to us.

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