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ST. JOHN, N. B., MON DAY, MARCH 24, 1913.

TO PREVENT "PERSISTENT OBSTRUCTION."

The Borden Government announce that when Parliament meets after the Easter recess the necessary steps will be taken to press for an amendment to the rules, which, while securing all reasonable and necessary freedom of debate, will prevent persistent obstruction and will permit Parliament to provide for the public necessities and to proceed with the business of the country. But this course will not be taken if the Opposition will give any evidence or assurance of their willingness to permit the vote upon the (Navy) Bill to be taken within a reasonable time.

Federal Government since 1860, will recall that in this respect the ideal of Washington will be made the model, as it is in the geometry of the design.

The site for Canberra was purchased by the Government of Australia in 1911 from the State of New South Wales. The science of building is making tremendous strides in advance of the last century, and it is confidently predicted that the building of Canberra will not long be delayed. It will then supersede Melbourne in the State of Victoria, the present seat of the Commonwealth Government, as the capital of the Sister Dominion.

THE POLICY OF THE "OPEN DOOR."

The first open repudiation of a policy of the Taft Administration was made last week by President Wilson, who, in a published statement regarding the six-power loan to China, declined to accept the majority to surrender to the minority—and the demand of the minority so far has been for unconditional surrender. It will be absurd to accuse the Government of attempting to interfere with freedom of discussion. The principle of free speech is not at stake. When freedom of discussion is employed as a means of obstruction, it may degenerate into an instrument of tyranny rather than of freedom, and in such case it needs to be checked in the interests of freedom.

DIARY OF EVENTS

FIRST CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS.

The first issue of the first newspaper in Canada was published at Halifax, N.S., 1752. It was called the Gazette, and consisted of four small pages. Of the daily newspapers now published in the Dominion, the oldest is the Quebec Chronicle, founded in 1764. It is fourteen the senior of the Montreal Gazette, which dates from 1778. The Kingston, Ont., Standard was established in 1810, and the Halifax Daily Acadian Reporter has just celebrated its centenary.

THE FIRST CHRONOMETER.

The first chronometer was the invention of John Harrison, an Englishman, who died in London in 1781. He was born in 1693. Watches were first made at Nuremberg in 1447, but Queen Elizabeth was the owner of a small table clock, sometimes referred to as a watch, which is still preserved in the Royal Institution Museum.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK SUN. Edward Page Mitchell, an editorial eight years a member of the New York staff of the Sun, and now vice-president of the Sun Printing and Publishing Association, will pass his sixty-first birthday in Beth, Me., and entered journalism on the Boston Advertiser in 1871. He rose to the presidency of the Sun Association, but retired from that office when the paper was bought by William C. Reick.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A LETTER FROM A CAT.

By Oliver Herford.
Mr. Editor:—
I hereby take
My pen in paw to say,
Can you explain a curious thing
I found the other day?
There is another little cat
Who sits behind a frame,
And looks so very much like me,
You'd think we were the same,
I try to make her play with me;
Yet, when I mew and call,
Though I see her mew in answer,
She makes no sound at all.
And to the duldest kitten
That's plain enough to see
That either I am mocking her
Or she is mocking me.
It makes no difference what I say,
She seems to know the game;
For every time I look around,
I see her do the same.
And yet no matter though I creep
On tiptoe lest she hear,
Or quickly dash around the frame,
She sure to disappear.

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