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FATE OF THE CUREW BYLAW

First Measure Ever Presented That Didn't Reach the First Reading.

A Man Who Swore Falsely to Shield His Son From the Truant Bylaw Got Six Months in the Central—Burglar and Thief Sent to the Penitentiary—General News From Hamilton.

Hamilton, March 8.—(Special.)—City Clerk Beasley said to-day that the Curfew Bell bylaw, which was thrown out at last night's council, was the first bylaw that never reached the first reading stage since he became City Clerk. Mr. Beasley has the distinction of being the oldest city clerk in Canada. "Mike" Flannagan of Kingston had the honor prior to his death.

Perjurer Got Six Months.

John W. Baker, who swore that his truant son of 11 was over 14 years of age, in order to save him from the hands of Truant Officer Hunter, pleaded guilty to perjury to-day before Judge Snider and went down for six months in the Central.

Judge Snider was severer still on Ezra Jacques, a young fellow who wound up a career of burglary and cock fighting by house breaking and by stabbing John Weldon in the hand last week. The judge read him a serious lecture and added to it a sentence of three years in Kingston.

Where is George Hall?

George Hall, a laborer employed at the smelting works, drew his wages last Thursday and has not been heard of since. His wife and five small children are not only penniless, but the landlord has placed a bailiff in the house to squeeze out a claim for four months' rent.

Want a Duty on Nickel Ore.

After hearing Promoter John Patterson of the Nickel Steel Company of Canada this afternoon the council of the Board of Trade passed a unanimous resolution that it was desirable that the Government should impose an export duty on nickel ore, equivalent to the duty imposed on manufactured nickel by other countries. As soon as this is done the company, which claims a capital of $22,000,000, will get to work with its mining enterprises.

Patriotism Ahead of Money.

The Board of Works brushed aside money considerations to-night to award an important lumber tender to the Hamilton firm of M. Brennan & Son. R. M. Cherry and W. J. McAllister were left in the cold, although their tenders were lower, because, chiefly, the former was an outsider and the latter a middleman. M. Brennan was patted on the back for his patriotism, and his tender of $12.65 per thousand was accepted. Cherry declared that if he had got the plum he would have opened a yard in the city.

It was decided to open up Wentworth-street to the bay.

A request of the Toronto & Hamilton Sewer Pipe Company for a railway siding from the G.T.R. main track to the east side of their building is looked after by a special committee.

Minor News Notes.

Burglars entered the residence of J. W. Bell, 284 James-street north, last night and took out $15 in cash.

A meeting to consider the proposition of the Cataract Power Company to pump the city water by electric power will be convened by the Fire and Water Committee to-morrow. A number of the aldermen favor delay in accepting it until the distribution system of the city is completed.

Mr. T. Hammell, 240 York-street, gave a birthday party last night that quite banished all the gloom of Lent. Miss Donovan distinguished herself as a pianist and Miss Hunt in elocution. Dancing and a choice supper filled the rest of the evening.

At a meeting of the directors of the Radial Electric Railway to-day, C. K. Greene was confirmed in his position of manager.

The basket ball team of A Company, 13th Regiment, defeated E Company to-night. Score 21 to 18.

At the church conference in First Congregational Church this evening, Rev. Dr. Fraser read an essay on "Prayer Meetings."

The anniversary entertainment of Victoria avenue Baptist Church took place this evening. A good program was presented. John Peebles, superintendent, presided.

Myrtle Crawford, Barton-street, will be tried at the Police Court to-morrow on a charge of keeping a house of ill-fame. The police to-night subpoenaed a number of prominent young men, who used to call on Miss Myrtle, as witnesses. The woman pleaded not guilty when arraigned the other day.

A boy named Charles Jaggard, living in the east end of the city, broke his thigh this afternoon by a radial car while coasting on a sled and had his left leg broken. Dr. Rennie had the youngster taken to the hospital.

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THE CONSERVATIVE CHANCES IMPROVE

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the Niagara Peninsula alone 70 per cent. of the vote went Conservative. Take three ridings, for instance, right here at home. Hamilton gave a Conservative majority of 1158 and North Wentworth a majority of 370, while South Wentworth went the other way for only 174. Here is a combined Conservative majority of over 1300, yet the Liberals will have one-third of the representation."

The Conservative party of Hamilton does not intend to disband its victorious forces, although the Provincial battle is over and the slain are buried. The wonderful perfection which its organization attained to is, instead, to be maintained. Clubs will at once be established in every ward, and the present enthusiasm so fostered that it can be turned into action at an hour's notice. If the reason is asked, there are several, but one weighty one lies in the fact that the Yukon railway deal is expected to bring on a Dominion election in the fall. It is confidently believed here that the Senate will throw out the bill, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is too much committed to it to survive its destruction.

The Conservatives of Stoney Creek and Saltfleet will organize into a club at Squire's Hall on Thursday next. A number of prominent Conservatives of the city and the adjoining townships will assist in the celebration.

Ald. Neiligan has enrolled 50 members for the Conservative Club to be started in Ward 5.

The Voters' Intention is Law.

The following cases in point, where decisions have been given upon peculiarly-marked ballots, might be of interest at this juncture. Ballots marked in the following manner have been counted good:

1. With an ill-formed cross, or with small lines at the end of the cross or a line across the centre, or one of the lines of the cross, or with a curved line, like the blades of an anchor. (North Victoria case.)

2. An irregular mark in the figure of a cross, as long as it does not lose the form of a cross. (Monck case.)

3. A cross with a line before it. (Monck case.)

4. A cross rightly placed with two additional crosses, one across the other candidate's name, and the other to the left. (Monck case.)

5. A double cross or two crosses. (Monck case.)

6. Ballot paper inadvertently torn. (Monck case.)

7. Inadvertent marks in addition to the cross. (Monck case.)

8. Cross made with pen and ink instead of pencil. (Monck case.)

9. When voter wrongly votes, then obliterates cross and marks ballot for the other candidate.

Ballots described as follows have been decided to be bad:

1. A single stroke instead of a cross. (Monck case; North Victoria case.)

2. Two single strokes not crossing. (Monck case.)

3. Ballots with candidate's name written thereon in addition to the cross. (North Victoria case.)

4. Ballots marked with a number of lines. (North Victoria case.)

5. Ballots with a cross for each candidate. (North Victoria case.)

6. All those upon which there is any writing or mark by which the voter can be identified.

7. Ballots not marked in division where candidate's name appears.

DELINQUENT RETURNING OFFICER

Refused to Enter Returns When the Deputies Asked Him To.

Clinton, Ont., March 8.—One of the delinquent returning officers in the West Huron election has just been interviewed. He declares that he and the other two officers asked the partisan returning officer to fill in the returns in the poll book, but he positively refused, although the declaration was not to be made until next Saturday. There is much indignation among Conservatives and Reformers over the returning officer's action in disfranchising many electors. Major Beck has demanded a recount of the votes, which will doubtless include the disfranchised voters. It will likely take place on Saturday.

Hoyle Had a Big Majority.

Beaverton, March 8.—The official count for North Ontario was held at Beaverton on Tuesday, March 8, by Sheriff Paxton, returning officer. Total number of votes cast, 4221. W. H. Hoyle (Con.) received 2326; T. W. Chapple (Lib.) received 1895. Majority for W. H. Hoyle, 431. Rejected ballots, 21. Polling sub-division No. 1, Pinedale, Brock, made no return. This division generally gives a majority for the Reformers, which could not be counted for them, owing to the neglect of the deputy returning officer.

Conservative 201 Ahead.

Belleville, March 8.—Returnig Officer H. W. Day at noon to-day gave the official result of the West Hastings election, Morrison had 1985 and Meeker 1784, leaving a majority for Morrison, the Conservative candidate, of 201.

The Simcoes.

Barrie, March 8.—The official declaration for West Simcoe shows: Cherrie 1580, Duff 2015, Majority for Duff (Con.), 435.

Centre Simcoe—Davidson 1704, Thompson 1761. Majority for Thompson (Con.), 57.

South Waterloo

Galt, March 8.—The official declaration of votes polled in South Waterloo: Kribs (Con.), 2532; Phin (Lib.), 2423. Majority for Kribs, 109.

Barber's Majority 123.

Milton, Ont., March 8.—D. Robertson, returning officer for the County of Halton, made his official declaration to-day, as follows: J. R. Barber (Lib.), 2531; William Kerns (Con.), 2408. Majority for Barber, 123. Mr. John R. Barber was officially declared elected.

Douglas is All Right.

Colborne, Ont., March 8.—The result of the election for East Northumberland, as officially announced to-day, is as follows: John H. Douglas (Lib.), 2814; Dr. W. A. Willoughby (Con.), 2633. Majority for Douglas, 421.

Kingston Will be Protested.

Kingston, March 8.—Kingston Conservative Association to-night elected George Richardson president. Dr. Smythe, the defeated candidate, announced that a protest would be entered against the return of Hon. William Harty, Commissioner of Public Works.

SUPREME LODGE S.O.E.

The Brethren are Assembled at St. Catharines and Ready for the Business of the Annual Meeting.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 8.—The delegates to the Supreme Grand Lodge, Sons of England, have nearly all arrived and sessions opened this afternoon in Victoria Chamber, Barlow Cumberland S.G.P. of Toronto, presiding. The reports of the officers are very satisfactory.

Mayor Gilleland and Ald. Burgoyne welcomed the delegates to the city, and Lodge Victory also presented an address of welcome. At 4.30 the Grand Lodge and local members attended divine service in St. George's Church, Rev. R. Ker, rector, officiating. He preached an excellent sermon, taking his text from Acts, "A citizen of no mean city."

The important work of the Grand Lodge will be taken up to-morrow.

New Woolens for Spring.

Two or three hundred suit lengths, most stylish woollens, no two alike, are on view this week at Henry A. Taylor's, draper, the Rossin Block, and gentlemen have the privilege of selecting and having put aside until desired to have made up.

DEBATE ON THE YUKON BILL

Indications Are That the Oratory Will Flow On All Week.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper Attacked the Contract in a Forcible Style and Put the Government on the Defensive—Sifton's Shallowness Shown up—Mr. Tarte Replied in a Wailing Tone.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Special.)—The Yukon debate is still in progress, with no signs of a termination. From present appearances, the division will not now be reached before Friday. The chief speaker to-day was Sir C. H. Tupper, who made a vigorous and effective onslaught on the bill.

Bills Introduced.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

Respecting the Edmonton District Railway—Mr. Oliver.

Respecting the Manufacturers' Accident Guarantee Company—Mr. Monk.

Respecting the Atlas Loan Company—Mr. Scriver.

Respecting the Montreal Laurentian Railway Company—Mr. Penny.

Respecting the Queenston Heights Building Company—Mr. Monk.

To incorporate the Victoria Fire Assurance Company—Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Forgin introduced a bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act, to provide for a standard of weight or quantity for potatoes when sold by the bag. At present, while a bag of potatoes is supposed to contain 1½ bushels, or 90 pounds, there is, he said, no standard to guarantee the quantity. The bill would make the standard 80 pounds weight to the bag.

Mr. Ethier supported the bill.

Sir Henri Joly said he intended introducing a bill which would cover the case. It would deal with standards of weight generally.

The potato question broadened into a discussion of weights and measures generally. Mr. Wallace asked for a standard milk measure. Mr. Monk asked that the bag of potatoes' weight be fixed at 70 pounds. In Dr. Sproule's constituency the farmers preferred the 90-lb. standard. Mr. Talbot wanted the standard to be a bushel of 56 lbs.

The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Bertram's bill to further amend the Trade Marks Design Act was also given its first reading.

Major Walsh's Instructions.

Mr. Foster once more asked for a copy of the instructions given to Major Walsh, the administrator of the Yukon.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that everything had been brought down. There were no instructions beyond those contained in the commission.

Mr. Foster: Are we to understand he is operating without any instruction from the department?

The Premier replied that all the powers he would exercise would be exercised under the commission.

YUKON BILL DEBATE.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper Resumed the Discussion and Asked Some Troublesome Questions.

Sir C. H. Tupper continued his speech on the Yukon railway bill. He pointed out that the Government had announced during the debate several important changes in the contract, so that their plea for the immediate ratification of the original contract had fell to the ground. It looked as if in committee the Government would have to bring down a supplementary contract. The announcement of the Solicitor-General that a change would be made requiring the contractors not merely to build the railway but also to operate it, was an admission of the effectiveness of the criticism of the Opposition. He asked who drew this crude and ill-considered contract. Did the solicitor of McKenzie and Mann draw it, after these gentlemen had dictated the terms? The magnitude of the concessions given to the contractors would give them one of the greatest mining monopolies ever known. He pointed out the danger the Government were running by imposing a tax of 10 per cent. on the free miners and only 1 per cent. on those favored monopolists. In the old days of the Fraser River gold excitement the Home Government was most careful to treat the miners fairly, so that there was no understand that it was to their interest to observe the law. A general respect for the law was secured by regulations of a reasonable character.

What is Case of Default?

After carefully analyzing the contract, Sir C. H. Tupper asked if the railway was not completed by Sept. 1, what would be the penalty? What would be done in case of default?

Mr. Sifton: The Government would take action according to the circumstances.

Sir C. H. Tupper said this was the day when the sleigh road had to be completed. Had the Government any information on that point?

Mr. Sifton: The hon. gentleman is aware that there is no telegraph line between that point and this.

Sir C. H. Tupper said Mr. Mann was in town. Surely the Minister must have asked him for information.

Mr. Sifton, rising with some reluctance, said he had met Mr. Mann at the Rideau Club, and in the course of conversation Mr. Mann had assured him the sleigh road was built. [Decisive Opposition cheering.]

Sir C. H. Tupper: If Mr. Mann's statement be not correct, what does the Government propose to do?

Mr. Sifton: I think the hon. gentleman had better proceed with his speech. [Opposition laughter.]

Sir C. H. Tupper: No doubt the Minister would prefer that I should adopt that course. According to Mr. Blair's contention that the selection of these lands was entirely one of chance, in fact a gamble, he said the Minister, by conniving at gambling practices had rendered himself subject to the Criminal Code—imprisonment for 20 years. [Laughter.]

The Expected Rush.

Sir Charles, quoting from the official record, showed that the Government had been aware of the expected rush to the Yukon early last spring. Incidentally, he observed that the only praises of the Yukon country were to be heard in the speeches of the Opposition, while the gentlemen who were anxious to make this present to Messrs. McKenzie and Mann were decrying the country. And, incidentally, also, it was further evidence of the confusion in the Cabinet that Mr. Sifton should have assured the House that Major Walsh was not wanted in Dawson at the time, but was at Salmon River, "where he was told to stay and do what he was told to do." Whereas Major Walsh himself said he was deeply disappointed at being shut up at Salmon, having hoped to get on to Selkirk, at least. [Laughter.]

As to Sir Wilfrid's off-hand contention that if the United States Congress passed our act contravening the treaty in regard to the Stikine, we could go to the United States courts and obtain redress, he pointed out that the United States courts were bound by the statutes, and not by treaties. The Government were on all sides of this very matter of the right of transhipment at Wrangel. One Minister said there was nothing definite about the question; Sir Wilfrid declared there could be no question about it; our rights were secured by treaty. But did Sir Wilfrid know wot any bill before Congress dealing with this subject, other than the Hansbrough bill?

Sir Wilfrid did not.

Then it was a humiliating position for a Government that it did not know the Government was asking powers from Congress to deal with this very subject of transhipment, giving the Secretary of the United States Treasury a free hand to such regulations in this regard.

Then Sir Wilfrid said he remembered the bill referred to, but it had no bearing whatever on the question of transhipment at Wrangel.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper: Yes, and it is part of a systematic plan on the part of the United States to get the trade of the North Pacific coast at the expense of Canada.

He added that Secretary Gage was in communication with the trade interests of Seattle and Portland with this object in view.

Mr. Sutherland: That is legislation which is being encouraged by Hamilton Smith.

"Does the hon. gentleman say that seriously, or in chaff?" asked Sir Charles.

"Seriously," answered the Liberal whip, at which Sir Charles remarked that it was a most extraordinary statement, and one which he was sure the hon. gentleman's leader would not endorse.

Resuming after recess, Sir Charles quoted from Hansard Mr. Sifton's speech, in which he said that, as the result of his visit to Washington, an understanding had been arrived at with the American authorities in regard to the customs regulations for the Yukon. But when the United States regulations came to be published it was found they only dealt with Dyea and Skaguay, and left out the Stikine altogether. They played with him as a child, and he did not even understand their game. [Laughter.]

Premature Congratulations.

On Jan. 3 he wired Victoria and Vancouver that he had made all arrangements in regard to the passage of goods without customs restrictions at Dyea and Skaguay. The Boards of Trade of those cities, not aware of the depths of his statesmanship, congratulated the Minister. But time passed on, the 20th of the month came, and all he could say in answer to protests was that the new regulations would be put in effect shortly, as the Collector of Customs of Alaska was then in Washington arranging them. But still the matter was not settled, and Mr. Sifton had not the spirit to resent such treatment on the part of the United States. With all due regard to individual citizens of that country, Sir Charles put no faith in the Government of the United States, so far as getting fair play for Canada was concerned, and the fault lay in their pernicious system of politics.

No Dependence on Uncle Sam.

"I am," said Sir Charles, "against the voting of one dollar or the alienation of a single acre of land, when it depends upon the goodwill of the United States for the successful carrying out of the practical scheme for which the money or land is appropriated." [Applause.] Canada, he continued, was rich enough to carry out her schemes independently of her neighbors, and that should be our course. Some regarded it as an awful thing to speak out critically in the House of Commons in regard to the United States. But it needed not to be so; the advisers of Her Majesty in Great Britain were not afraid to speak their minds. And in this connection Sir Charles quoted the Colonial officers' reply to the celebrated shirt sleeves despatch of the Secretary, in which the Americans were openly charged with unneighborliness and with harassing and impeding British subjects in pursuit of a legitimate calling, sanctioned by the international treaty. And if this, despite regulations, was the American policy, on the high seas, on the Pacific, what would it be on the coast, with thousands of their citizens urging them to an unfriendly course towards Canadian commerce?

In conclusion he emphasized his hostility to the present scheme, both as a national gamble and a doubtful issue.

Mr Tarte's Wail.

Mr. Tarte followed. He bemoaned the fact that the Conservative party had departed from its progressive traditions, and it pained him to see Sir Charles Tupper overcome by the light-weights of the party. However, the bill would have to go through.

Mr. Bergeron denounced the McKenzie-Mann deal, advised the Government to break the contract and call for tenders for a truly all-Canadian route.

Mr. Morrison thought the Opposition had failed in not putting forward an alternative scheme. The fact that the conditions which confronted the Government in providing means of transportation to the Yukon were altogether unique might excuse the exceptional measures which were taken to make that provision. With the experience of the sudden rise and fall of the Cariboo diggings, the Government were justified, he contended, in not rushing headlong into expensive schemes on the strength of what promised to be a mere mining camp stampede. Mr. McConnell's report of the Yukon was of itself sufficient to induce precautionary steps.

Referring to the Edmonton route, he criticised the narrow view propounded by Mr. Oliver, member for Alberta, whom he advised to look beyond the limits of his own Province and see the producing capabilities of British Columbia.

Mr. Oliver, interrupting, said it was a question of veracity between the honorable member for Alberta and himself. The point he had made in his speech was that British Columbia was not an exporter of agricultural food products. [Conservative cheers.] He challenged Mr. Morrison to disprove that.

Mr. Morrison, continuing, said he would point out what the resources of British Columbia were. He quoted from official documents to show that British Columbia had exported products to the value of $14,000,000 last year, and the Northwest Territories $140,000.

Mr. Davin said these figures were entirely misleading, as there was no port of export for the products of the Territories.

Mr. Morrison moved the adjournment of the debate, and the House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

LIQUOR IN THE GOLD REGION.

Ladies of the W.C.T. Union Are Solicitous in the Matter—Deputation at the Capital.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Special.)—A deputation of ladies representing the Quebec Provincial W.C.T.U had an interview this afternoon with the Hon. Mr. Sifton, Minister of the Interior; Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier was unavoidably absent because of pressure of business.

The deputation consisted of Mrs. Sanderson, president of the Quebec Provincial Union; Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Walker, President, and Mrs. Ure, Vice-President of the Montreal Central Union. The deputation appreciated the presence of Mrs. Asa Gordon, Miss Mary McKay Scott, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. W. Scott, and Rev. Mr. McIntosh of Ottawa.

Mrs. Sanderson, in addressing the Ministers, stated that she represented over two thousand members in the Province of Quebec, who were deeply interested in the welfare of the new mining district, and they felt that the success or failure of that country would largely depend on whether permits for the sale of liquor were prohibited or granted.

Mrs. McLachlan stated the objects for which the Women's Christian Temperance Union were banded together, emphasizing that of securing legislation for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Ure and Rev. William McIntosh also spoke on the advantage to be gained by prohibiting the sale of liquor in the Yukon.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, in replying, said that no permits had been granted this year, and that those that had been previously issued were for private consumption, not for sale. He, along with Mr. Fisher and Mr. Fielding, assured the deputation that the Government would do what they could to comply with their request.

HOT TIME IN RICHMOND HALL.

Third Annual Smoker of the Sergeants of the Governor-General's Body Guard.

Many of the local non-commissioned officers attended the third annual smoker of the sergeants of the Governor-General's Body Guard in Richmond Hall last night. Sergt.-Major Stretton presided over a large gathering, and a varied program was rendered, which included two boxing bouts. Fred. Cooper and Walsh McConnell were booked for a 6-round go, but after some fast fighting McConnell was cleanly knocked out in the fourth round. Carroll and Sheppard, two youngsters from the Toronto Swimming Club, put up a fast go. Other events on the program were: Monologue, Arthur Travis; songs, B. Forbes; gramophone selections, W. A. Smith; song, Sergt. Fisher; funny business, George Cooper and Jimmy Woods; song, Corpl. Clark, R.G.; song, E. Luttrell; song, Otto Lyon. Sergt. McNab presented the sergeants' mess with a handsome oil painting of Lieut.-Col. Dunn. It was the work of Mr. Donald McNab.

German Naval Budget Passed.

Berlin, March 8.—The Budget Committee of the Reichstag to-day unanimously passed the entire shipbuilding program, included in the estimates for 1898.

WAR BAROMETER RISES A LITTLE

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sponsibility of breaking their pairs in order to place themselves on record.

At the conclusion of the roll call the Speaker had his name called, an unusual proceeding, and, amid great applause, voted for the bill. When he announced the vote, 311 ayes, no nays, an enthusiastic demonstration occurred.

What London Papers Say.

London, March 9.—The Morning Post editorially comments on the adoption of the Cannon resolution by the House of Representatives, and says:

"It is an emphatic way of saying that American statesmen intend to stand by their declarations. People who talk about national honor and responsibility ought to be prepared to get their money down."

The Daily News says: "Speaking generally, the United States never are prepared for war. Yet it cannot be said that their diplomacy has suffered from this palpable and notorious truth. Therefore, the assertions of American statesmen that they are voting £10,000,000 as a peace measure are hardly a convincing explanation of this sudden change from tranquil inactivity to acute vigilance.

"Our Washington correspondent has obtained from a member of the Executive a positive assurance that the Maine disaster had nothing to do with the vote. This is a most important declaration, looking to the fact that President McKinley may not always be able to control public opinion. America and Spain would be wise to find some honorable way out of a hopeless and discreditable deadlock."

SPAIN IS MYSTIFIED.

Cannot Understand What All the Hubbub is About—Inaccurate Newspaper Statements Blamed.

New York, March 8.—The World has the following from Madrid: The panic on the foreign bourses to get rid of Spain's securities has puzzled the people of Madrid all day. They are at a loss to understand the reason for it.

In sympathy with that panic there was some fall in stocks on the Madrid bourses, accompanied by a sharp rise in foreign exchange.

The Government took steps immediately to contradict officially both the reports that Spain had asked for the recall of Consul-General Lee from Havana and the report that Pope Leo XIII. had made any declaration favorable to Cuban independence or rebels. The latter rumor is positively denied by the Papal Nuncio at Madrid. On the contrary it is well known that since the beginning of the Cuban insurrection the Pope has sent his blessing repeatedly to Spanish troops starting for Cuba and has equally often announced that he has prayed for the success of the Spanish army in Cuba.

Reflecting the impressions in financial and political quarters, most of the Madrid journals attribute the scare to inaccurate statements set afloat by telegraph agencies and sensational newspapers concerning both incidents.

The ministerial organs, The Correspondencia and The Correo, stated last night that the Government has received re-assuring news from the Spanish Legation at Washington concerning the disposition of President McKinley, and has been informed that relief for the distressed Cubans will be sent by merchant vessels.

The Spanish newspapers still print criticisms based on the duty on goods smuggled into Cuba under the cover of relief. The Heraldo believes this incident is damaging for General Lee.

THE NAVIES COMPARED.

London Standard Appears to Think Spain is in Good Shape to Put Up a Fight.

London, March 8.—A factor which must be taken into consideration in the purchase of ships is, it is said, that the powers need not have the power to take ships building for foreign Governments for its own use at the last moment. Great Britain upon several occasions has refused to do this.

The Standard to-day publishes a long article, comparing the navies of the United States and of Spain, and says:

"Some indication of the extent Spain is prepared is afforded by the measure adopted to protect Havana harbor against surprises. With the flotilla of torpedo boats, which joins the Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo there before the end of March, the squadron under Admiral Cervaos, composed of the Alfonso XIII. and the Maria Theresa, with two second-class cruisers and torpedo boats, will be reinforced by the battleship Pelayo, Charles V. and Christopher Columbus, accompanied by three destroyers and three torpedo boats. The fleets thus brought together in the West Indies are described as representing all the available naval forces for foreign service, and it will be entirely moolized, some old ironclads which were recently refitted being utilized in guarding the coasts of the peninsula."

Spain Does Not Expect War.

Madrid, March 8—A semi-official news agency of this city issues the following announcement: "After brief uneasiness, there is general belief now that peace will not be broken, and that the relations between Spain and the United States will continue amicable.

"Political personages assert that the late sensational despatches are exaggerated, and that the origin of the ill-will between the two countries. This is proved by the statements attributed to Secretary Sherman, by which the jingoes have created the belief in the United States that Spain is trying to provoke war, while at the same time engendering the feeling in Spain that it is the United States that demands the opening of hostilities. It is essential that this double game should be ended, in order to prevent the two countries from going to war without motives, and without either of them desiring it."

Lee Always Behaved Right.

A semi-official note just issued declares that the Spanish Government has not received any complaint regarding the attitude of General Fitzhugh Lee, the United States Consul-General at Havana, adding: "On the contrary, Captain-General Blanco affirms that General Lee's behavior has always been correct. Nevertheless, the incident serves to explain the origin of the ill-will between the two countries. This is proved by the statements attributed to Secretary Sherman, by which the jingoes have created the belief in the United States that Spain is trying to provoke war, while at the same time engendering the feeling in Spain that it is the United States that demands the opening of hostilities. It is essential that this double game should be ended, in order to prevent the two countries from going to war without motives, and without either of them desiring it."

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MR. GOWANLOCK'S QUALIFICATION.

The Ex-Alderman Says He Has Fully Met All the Requirements of the Statute.

The issue in the municipal bye-election in Ward 4 seems to be whether or not Mr. James Gowanlock can qualify. At the nomination on Saturday Mr. Gowanlock asserted that he could qualify.

Last Monday The World representative called upon the candidate's solicitor, Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, who stated Mr. Gowanlock's present position as far as property qualification was concerned.

In the recent action, which resulted in the unseating of the alderman, Judge McDougall held regarding the property on Harvard-avenue that he did not own it, since it was a part of his late wife's estate. He held also that the property at 1066 Queen-street west, where James and A. G. Gowanlock conducted a printing office, did not belong to the alderman, for, though it was assessed as his, the deed was held to be a bonus in Mcnigan, and was registered in his name. Mr. Gowanlock asserted that his brother had promised to give him a deed of the property, but the judge declined to believe him.

The statute provides that if a person is in actual occupation of property assessed for $2000 or over any lien or enumbrance thereon shall not affect his qualification. Judge McDougall held that the word "actual" meant "sole," and that because the defendant's brother, A. G. Gowanlock, was a partner in the printing business, the defendant was not in actual possession, and that his interest therein should be placed at only half the assessed value.

Since he was unseated, Mr. Gowanlock has received an absolute conveyance of the property, 1066 Queen-street west, from his brother in Michigan, and the deed was registered on March 4.

Furthermore, by a registered bill of sale James Gowanlock has become the sole owner of the printing business, and his brother, A. G. Gowanlock, instead of being a partner, is engaged as manager at a stipulated weekly wage.

So that, as matters now stand, James Gowanlock is assessed $2020 for 1066 Queen-street west; he held a deed of the property on nomination day, and he is now in actual occupation of it, thus satisfying the requirements of the statute, as set forth in section 73 of the Municipal Act.

Prince Albert at New York.

New York, March 8.—Prince Albert of Belgium arrived to-day on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse. He is stopping at the Waldorff-Astoria. The Belgian Minister said to-night that the Prince will probably go to Newport and then to Washington.

Two Painters Killed.

New York, March 8.—Charles Reich and Thomas Flaherty, painters, were killed to-day by the breaking of a rope sustaining a swinging platform upon which they were working at the eighth storey of a new building in West 23rd-street. Their bodies were horribly bruised and crushed by the fall.

Last evening the Hickman and Watkins concert troupe serenaded Miss Nettie Fluke, the wonderful child vocalist, at her home, 55 Walton-street, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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