

NAVY WORSTS THE BLUE BLOOD

Laborer Ward Defeats Heir
of Duke in Debate.

MAIDEN SPEECH A TELLING ONE

Is Poorest Member of the British
Commons, But Rich in Elo-
quence and Experience.

London, April 9.—There was a striking scene in the House of Commons the other day, highly significant of the change that has taken place in what used to be called "the finest club in Europe." A navy and the heir to a dukedom crossed swords in debate and the navy triumphed. The navy was John Ward, the poorest member of parliament, who has to support himself, a wife, four children and an old mother on \$12.50 a week, the salary he receives as secretary of the Navy's Union, which he founded. His opponent was Earl Percy, who will some day be the Duke of Northumberland and owner of many thousands of broad acres. He has occupied a seat in parliament for ten years. The subject under discussion was Chinese labor in South Africa. As the representative of the class that profits most by cheap labor, Earl Percy had defended their employment and had declared that white men would not and could not work in the mines.

"I can tell the noble lord," said John Ward, "that I have worked in different parts of the empire, and there is no work under the sun that a Briton cannot do—it is always a question of how much wages you offer him. If British workers want to be paid, they would demand decent wages, proper mine regulations, trade organizations and a hundred and one other things of that sort, and it is because our friends here (pointing to a little group of Chinese) know this that they object."

"I have been dubbed a Little Englander," he exclaimed, after some allusions to the war, standing erect, with broad shoulders, looking a man every inch of his six feet or more. "What, you?" cried an astonished member. "Yes, I have been called a Little Englander," he went on. "I'm a pretty good specimen, and I've done what some of those who use that phrase have not done. I've risked my life for the empire."

A rattling chorus of cheers greeted this and Ward wound up a most telling speech by saying that he had seen nobles parading from their sons who went to the front—"these women did not think that their boys would leave their bones bleaching on the field in order to introduce Chinese labor. The flag has been mentioned in this debate."

"I've marched under that flag; I would not allow it to be used in my election because it does not belong to any section or party in this country—it belongs to all. The overwhelming majority returned to this house was sent here to put an end to this system of Chinese labor at the earliest possible moment, and there must be no handing it on to my successors."

And so ended one of the most effective speeches the house has heard for many a day—"a speech," says one who was present, "that made one proud of the country that could produce a navy who could capture the attention and earn the respect of the House of Commons in a maiden speech."

John Ward disproves the popular notion that it is blue blood which confers what is called an air of distinction. He hasn't a drop of blue blood, but he is the most distinguished looking man in the house. None of the many scions of aristocracy that can hold a candle to him in that respect. He is the sort of man one instinctively singles out in a crowd as a leader of men. He has the face of an artist and the frame of a life-guardian. There is not an ounce of superfluous flesh on his well-knit and well-trained body. He has served in the swiftest Squadron, and borne the Egyptian Star and the medal of the Sudan-Derby expedition of 1894—that desperate race against time when the railway construction corps had to face the raids of Osman Pasha's Haddadites with their shovelled-headed spears, in the middle of the work of laying the line. He showed courage of a finer and rarer quality when, years later, he made speeches denouncing the race and before the crowds of infuriated Jingos.

He was born in 1866, went to work when he was seven, and has been at it ever since. He has served in the army; he has wielded the pick and shovel in many lands, he has had charge of the gentle coolie in tropical climes; he speaks calmly, tersely and directly out of the depths of an experience far more versatile than that of the average, university-bred, society-hampered legislator.

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TOPSY TURVY IS COBALT CITY

A Jumble of Buildings Crazily
Built and Placed.

MINERS DECIDE ON UNION CAMP

To Be Affiliated With the Western
Federation—Sanitation
Badly Needed.

Cobalt, April 9.—With the passing of the snow suggestive accumulations of empty bottles and other debris of winter's huddled existence are coming to the surface at Cobalt. As might be expected, with the entire population strenuously chasing the almighty dollar, the town presents an utterly filthy appearance. In many instances men and animals have been living "cramped, cabined and confined" sort of an existence which would give an Assyrian lodging-house keeper some valuable pointers in a business way. With an entire absence of sanitary conveniences in the vast majority of cases, Temiskaming, among its other assets, can exult itself as the Land of the Unclipped. Many of the district's respectable citizens will take their first bath in 1906, after the spring freshets have passed.

The uneven surface at Cobalt will always render satisfactory sanitary arrangements exceedingly difficult. As long as one lady's yard must take another lady's dish water the health authorities will find some knotty problem to solve. With a large, careless, heterogeneous population the difficulty becomes even more acute. At the present time the drinking water of several thousand people is drawn from shallow holes situated in hollow places around the town, and percolates from the surrounding slopes, upon which shacks and outhouses have stood this winter. The frost has only sunk some week or two of winter weather the quality which this water will then possess may be left to the imagination. An epidemic of typhoid fever at Cobalt would have little appreciable effect upon the Temiskaming mining boom, but it would quickly take the heart out of Cobalt real estate and business values. Among its other loud boasts the township on earth. Such being the case, a stranger would expect some modest expenditures to be made, not only in protecting the health of the growing population, but in guarding the financial interests of the place as well.

Scarcely ten minutes' walk west of the town lies the Sasquatch Lake, with water. In which salmon trout abound. The cost of piping a supply of this water into Cobalt would not be serious, and at the same time probably some primitive variety of fire protection would be derived. In any case, Dr. Bell's presence is urgently needed in Cobalt at present.

This mining camp is making excellent progress in social and religious matters, and at present boasts a Roman Catholic and a Methodist Church. The former was erected some time ago in the northern end of the town upon the O'Brien property; the latter was but recently completed and stands on a town lot upon a sharp promontory to the west.

Church union is advancing apace in these northern wilds, and the Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans are taking turns at holding religious services in this edifice. Only last week, Cobalt's first social was held in the new building, all the ladies in town were invited, and a varied assortment of jellies, cakes and other cook-book delicacies. At first the suggestion was made that these products of the housewife's craft should be sold to hungry miners at 25 cents apiece. But many demanded an auction and the auction took place forthwith. Prices rose quickly in Cobalt, and up went the price of jelly cake to \$15. Eighteen dollars was the highest point which the market touched, and miners from the Earle camp captured most of the dainties. 'Twas the best sale of pastry in many a day.

Cobalt held its first labor union meeting last night under the auspices of the Western Federation of Miners. A free-for-all economic and social discussion took place, with James Simpson and John Tweed of Toronto, on the one side, and Mr. Leante, the foreman of the E. P. Earle mine, on the other. Within the last few weeks the federation has been drawing to it a large number of the workmen in the mining properties in this vicinity. On Saturday the crowds joining added over \$150 to the treasury, and at present the union stands 250 strong. Generally speaking, the men are satisfied with present conditions, the wages varying from \$2.25 to \$3 a day with board and bunk, according to experience and the variety of work. Among the shifting population of the mines, several old western miners are found, and the union organization developed in due course. Several of the mine owners have raised no serious objections, but in the case of the Standard Oil properties and the Timiskaming mine allege that threats have been outstanding.

Last night, in Joe Pathe's pool room, Mr. Lennie, the foreman of the Standard Oil Company, was given the first hearing, and an overflow meeting spread over the roadway and down the hill sides. As a result of a pretty rough discussion, Cobalt resolved to become a union camp. "We are strong enough," declared one miner this morning, "to close this camp down in spite of Standard Oil, and will do it."

BIG BOND ISSUE AT 90

Mexican Tramway Puts \$8,000,000
of Stock on Market.

Montreal, April 9.—The Mexican Tramway Company, the new Canadian company that is busily up the tramway lines of the city of Mexico, are offering through a syndicate \$8,000,000 of bonds at 90, with 35 per cent bonus stock. The entire issue is first underwritten by the syndicate, and are now being placed on the public. An effort is being made to sell a very large portion of them in England.

Canadian grain exporters, headed



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by Mr. Robert Bickerville, M. P., have decided to take drastic action to break the combine that exists among Canadian inland steamship companies to try to hold the rate for grain across the upper lakes at 2 1/2 cents per bushel. Mr. Bickerville stated today that on behalf of the grain men he would appeal to the Government to allow American steamers to haul the grain from Canadian ports down to Georgian Bay ports, as they were willing to carry it for 1 1/2 cents a bushel. Owing to the combine among the Canadian lines scarcely any grain has so far been booked down the St. Lawrence route. "The biggest season for west-bound traffic the Canadian shipping trade has ever known," is the consensus of opinion of the leading steamship companies regarding the season of 1906. The Allan Line, Canadian Pacific and Dominion Line stated today that all their steamers sailing from the other side were booked right up to the end of May, and there is more business waiting than the steamers could handle. The Canadian Pacific Railway announced that the Empress of Britain on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic would carry over 1,500 passengers.

PROBE TO BOTTOM, SAYS MR. HYMAN

Public Works Minister Orders
Searching Inquiry Into the
Recent Tower Collapse.

Ottawa, April 9.—A copy of the instructions issued to Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson, the architects, who are to investigate the collapsed tower of the west block annex, was laid before the Commons today by Hon. Mr. Hyman, the minister of public works.

These instructions call for a most searching inquiry, under oath, into all the details of the contract, the construction and its execution. There was also tabled a copy of the specifications upon which the contract was based, and, as extracts from it will indicate, every precaution seems to have been embodied in them that would insure a solid structure. The instructions to the investigating architects direct them to ascertain whether the specifications have been followed as to method of construction and material, and whether the department inspection was sufficient. The instructions continue: "You will as well inquire into and report upon the question as to whether whatever part of the work was executed during the winter season should have been so constructed during that season."

"You will be expected in the report which you will make after that investigation to state where, in your opinion, lies the responsibility for the accident to that building. You will also carry on the same investigation as regards the balance of the contract which is already built, and examine into and report upon the plans and specifications, mode of construction, materials used, inspection, etc., of the rest of the extension of which the collapsed tower was a part."

The commissioners are empowered to examine witnesses under oath. The specifications call for the best of material in stone, brick, mortar and cement.

In regard to the bricklaying, it is provided: "The brick wall lining, partitions, etc., to be of the thickness shown, bonded at every fifth course; a bottom space, as shown, to be left between outside of the wall and their thick brick lining; all walls to be carried up uniformly throughout the building, no part being at any one time more than one scaffold high above any other part, and the walls must be built true to line, plumb, and out of wind; brickwork to be carefully bonded into stonework."

Atlas Loan Litigation
St. Thomas, April 9.—All litigation in connection with the Atlas Loan Company has now been settled and the affairs can be finally wound up. The action in regard to the 74 per cent reserve fund which had been carried to the supreme court has been settled. The stockholders who had paid into the fund wanted to rank as ordinary creditors, and be paid a dividend on some \$100,000 paid in. There was a chance of the case going to the privy council, and the action was settled by payment of part of the sums incurred. Robinson & Green for plaintiff.

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Come and let us assist you in choosing fashionable and becoming attire for Easter. If you desire the promptest kind of service shop in the morning. We may be rushed in the afternoons during the remainder of the week, and if you leave the purchasing tour until late in the day you may not find the service as prompt as we would like it to be.

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Before you try on the new suit, which you'll doubtless select in the Mantle Section, allow us to fit you with a model that meets the requirements of your figure.

Then, the suit will be fitted properly, and, if any alterations are necessary, they'll be made without any loss of time.

If you experience discomfort with your corsets, depend upon it, you haven't the corset which is right for you to wear. It's wrong somewhere.

Consult one of our experienced corsetiers, and see if she can't fit you with a stylish, graceful model, which will also be an easy, comfortable, restful support for your body.

We believe she can. No harm to try, anyway.

Corset Dept., 2nd floor.

Easter Millinery

Our Milliners are as busy as bees.

The demand for our stylish hats makes vacant spaces in the show cases that need to be filled with fresh millinery gems every day.

Then, there are so many women who desire Hats made to order. Have ideas of their own they wish followed out in the creation of their chapeaux. Knowing by experience the artistic capabilities of our milliners, they naturally express to us their wishes, and we endeavor to please them to the best of our ability.

If you intend to have a hat made to order, we advise an immediate visit. We would hate to disappoint you anytime, but if present rush continues it may be impossible to fill orders left late in the week.

But, even if you've bought your spring millinery, you're welcome to see the

Superb Display of Easter Creations

On view in our showrooms. The collection is wonderfully varied in sizes and styles of shapes and beautiful in its wealth of lovely flowers, gloriously colored ribbons, elegant buckles, handsome quilts and wings.

But the multiplicity of different innovations and conceptions means a great deal to women. It makes possible a becoming hat for everybody, which is a fact almost unheard of in millinery history.

Your Easter Suit and Coat

Should be chosen without further delay. Don't leave such an important matter for the final Easter rush. Remember, what you select now you'll have to wear all season—unless blessed with an abundance of cash—and, if it (suit or coat) isn't exactly right, you'll have a dissatisfied feeling all the time you wear it.

Make a leisurely selection, now, from our immense presentation of the newest and most authoritative styles, and you'll wear a satisfied smile all season.

You can even buy some splendid lines of suits, coats and walking skirts under price.

The result of a fortunate purchase from a leading manufacturer. Here are some very brief hints. But don't judge of their importance by the brevity of the statements. They're fresh, new and up-to-the-hour in style. Well made and exceptional bargains.

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Hamilton, April 9.—Nesbitt, Gaud & Dickson received a telegram this morning from Hon. Arthur Kennedy, of Pittsburgh, the financial backer of Mr. Charles D. Haines, saying he will be here this week with a contractor from New York, and that work on the Hamilton, Ancaster and Brantford Electric Railway will be started at once. The right of way has been secured, and the Haines Company hopes to beat out Mr. John Patterson's company in securing a line to Galt and Guelph. With the exception of three short pieces, the right of way for the branch has been secured to Galt, free of cost.

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