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and Cartridges-The Captain, Officer Havana, Feb. 16.—The shattered and ttered hulk of the United States battle

She was blown up at 9.40 o'clock las

officers and crow who were on snore escaped.

The Maine, at the time of the explosion, was at anchor about 500 yards from the arsenal, and some 300 yards from the floating dock.

Her steel upper deck forward has been completely lifted and turned over on her starboard side. None of the big guns in the turrets are visible. She is slightly listed to port and all forward of her massive cranes for unloading ship's boats have completely disappeared. The big funnels lie flat upon the twisted and gnarled iron braces and pleees of steel funnels lie flat upon the twisted and gnarled iron braces and plees of steel decks. From the funnels aft the ship seems to be intact. She has settled until the water has covered the top of her superstructure, and the stern searchlight and one rapid firing gun look over the water just below them. It is reported that the disaster was due to the explosion of the boller of the synamo machine on board the Maine.

The first explosion is said to have been caused by over 600 pounds of gun cotton and the subsequent explosion is alleged to have been caused by shells and cartridges.

The Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII., which was anchored close to the Maine, lowered her boats and saved 37 of the

boats and saved 87 of the with was been and saved 37 of the crow of the American warship.

The Spanish cruisor Alfonso XII. was for some time after the explosion in great portl, and her mooring tackles were slacked away and she was anchored at a great distance from the burning warship. She then lowered her boats and took part in the work of resoue.

Some of the wreokage of the Maine fell on board the City of Washington and knocked two holes in her deck. The chaplain of the Maine, the Rev. J. P. Chadwick, wene on board the Alfonso XII. in order to administer to the wounded. A

, went on board the wounded. A roadminister to the wounded. A rish naval officer said that Captain the last man to abandon the Spanish navai officer sand to abandon the Sigsbee was the last man to abandon the sinking ship, and he remained alongsid the wreck as long as it was possible to d

ated Press, with reference to the cause, but explosion, said:

"I cannot yet determine the cause, but competent investigators will decide whether the explosion was produced from an interior or exterior cause. I cannot say anything until after such an investigation has been made. I will not and cannot conscientiously anticipate the decision,

has been made. I will hold the decision, nor do I wish to make any unjust estimate of the reason for the disaster."

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Government has settled back into a waiting attitude in respect to the terrible marine disaster in Havana Harbor. The great shock caused by the news has given way to a calmer and more judicial state of mind, and realizing from the events of the day that the court of inquiry is the sole dependence in the search for the cause of the Maine's loss. The naval officials are now resigned to await the results of that inquiry by a court named, yesterday by the Navy Department. There was little news to add to the sum of information as to the disaster during the Furnishings in the town, and the way we buy our goods enables us to sell them at closest prices. All our goods are imported direct, and this puts them in

It is no idle boast, but a statement we are prepared to substantiate every day, that there's no better, no

Now York, Feb. 21.—The Spanish war vessel Vizcaya, in command of Captain Eulate, came through the Narrows Sunday afternoon and anchored off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, where she is closed guarded by heavy yard tugs and police patrol boats owing to public feeling. Men's Ties. We probably have the largest and best assortment of Silk Ties in this part of

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Charles Findlay
Lutz, the wholesale bicycle thief, forger
and counterfeiter, from Berlin, pleaded
guilty to two charges, and Magistrate
Denison sent him to Kingston Penitonthory for six years. lary for six years.

Coal Gas Killed Him Coal Gas Killed Him.

Hamilton, Feb. 21.—G. Bridgewood, a teaming contractor of 78 years of age, living at 46 Jackson street east, was found dead in bed Saturday morning, asphyxiated by coal gas. The stove was always out of order and Bridgewood was rescued in the last stages of suffocation only a few weeks age. Although wealthy, deceased lived in what was scarcely better than a shanty. An inquest will be held on Monday.

Athens, Leeds County, Ontario, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1898.

Belittles the Offer of the Bothschilds.
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The majority of questions on the order paper yesterday related to Yukon affairs in one form or other. Mr. Sifton told Mr. Davis that there was no Indian title on the Yukon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in answer to Sir C. H. Tupper, said the Government had the question of Canada's right to exclude or regulate the passage of vessels registered in the United States through the territorial waters on the coast of British Columbia to and from Alaska, under consideration, but they did not deem it expedient, in the public interest, to make any statement now.

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Mr. Wallace was informed that custor due were collected in the Yukon as flows: 1895, \$3,247; 1896, \$31,691; 189,872; 1898 to date, \$83,834.

Mr. Blair Was Evasive Mr. Martin asked: Does the Govern-ment intend to provide for the employ-ment of Canadian labor only in the suiding of the Yukon Railway! Does the Government intend to take any steps the Government of the labor only shall building of the Yukon Railway? Does the Government intend to take any steps to provide that Canadian labor only shall be employed in the construction of railways receiving subsidies from the Dominion Government?

Mr. Blair replied that the necessity for constructing this line immediately rendered it inadvisable to insist on the exclusion of foreign labor on this work. In the case of the Crow's Nest Railway forsign labor of foreign contractors had been

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Sir Richard Cartwright, answ Borden (Halifax), said the Go and general assurances from

Denounces Railway Monopolies.

The debate on the Yukon Railway bill yas resumed by Mr. McClure (Liberal,

month has settled back into a waiting attitude in respect to the terrible marine disaster in Havana Harbor. The great shock caused by the news has given way to a calmer and more judicial state of mind, and realizing from the ovents of the day that the court of inquiry is estending that it was imperationed to the day that the court of inquiry is estending to the Maine's loss. The was a stored for the Maine has a search for the cause of the Maine's loss. The was a stored for the few that the curt of the maintenance when the search of the few that the curt of the maine the search of the maine the few that the curt of the few that the curt of

dian route than the one the Government proposed.

Mr. Wood (Hamilton)—Next week we may have a better offer.

Mr. Maclean—Yes, it is altogether likely you will, and there is where you stand convicted, that you did not notify the contractors; for the moment that this Government contract becomes widespread, men come in and offer to take it up at much better terms for the country. (Loud cheers.)

much lotter seems to discuss the most dangerous thing to the world to-day, and these railway monopolies threatened our representative institutions and would ultimately lead to clamor for direct legislation by the people themselves. The day has come to declare for a Government railway. The Government should have built this road with the ment should have built this road with the people's money and kept the road in its own hands. For that the people would vote the necessary money to-morrow. If you bring down a proposition to build that railway, for which I admit the urgency, with Government money, though I cannot speak for the Opposition, I believe every man on this side of the House would vote for it. (Opposition cheers.)

He hoped the bill will be defeated; first, because it is against progressive railway principles, the principles of processing the control of the principles of processing th

Mr. Maelean, interposing, said he had advocated the municipalization of the street railway, including civic control.

Mr. Fraser, continuing, said, while he believed that the value of the land grant was exaggerated by the Opposition, he would favor giving it, even if it were worth \$50,000,000, to enable Canada to control the Yukon trade. Better offers were all very well now, within ten days of the time set for the completion of the sleigh road, which is the first part of the

Mr. N. Clarke Wallace spoke and urged that a new arrangement should be made, one more in the interests of the country than the contract now under consideration.

than the contract now under consideration.

Mr. Smith's Offer.

Hon. William Paterson (Minister of Customs) said that Messrs. Maclean and Wallace had referred to the offer made to the Government by Hamilton Smith. The two gentlemen evidently knew a good deal about that offer. Possibly they had assisted to draw up the letter. They had mentioned that Mr. Smith represented the Rothschilds. He (Mr. Paterson) had always understood the Rothschilds to be a honorable firm. Mr. Maitland Kersey had submitted an offer to build the rail. When Mr. Kersey found that there would be no cash bonus, simply a land grant, he withdrow his proposal. How, then, did it happen that this Mr. Smith came in with an offer now to build the line for a land grant of one million acress when the Rothschilds would not look at it some weeks ago for three and three-quar-ter million acres? Mr. Paterson declared that there was not much in Mr. Hamil-ton Smith's offer, and the Grits cheered the statement.

Mr. Paterson proceeded to consider the question of the route. He contended that it was the only one which could have been adopted under the circumstances.

Mr. Paterson, referring to the problematical results of the defeat of this measure, said for any member to express the hope that the Senate would throw this bill out was an insult to the other branch of the Legislature.

Mr. Paterson, in conclusion, stated that having regard to the best interests of the country, Parliament ought to pronounce a favorable verdict on the bill. (Government cheers.)

Mr. Monk moved the adjournment of the debate. The House adjourned at 11.45.

ZOLA TALKS. Paris, Feb. 22.—At the Zola trial yesterday the Advocate-General concluded his address to the jury by expressing confidence that it would condem M. Zola without hesitation. The session of the

without hesitation. The session of the court was then suspended.

After a short recess the session was resumed and M. Zola addressed the court, affirming his good faith. He created a sensation by accusing the Premier, M. Melline, of having ordered the jury to avenge the national honor by returning a verdict of guilty, whereupon the presiding judge told M. Zola that he must not make such charges.

M. Zola declared that the Government knew everything, was perfectly aware Dreyfus was innocente, and, he added, the Ministers themselves would some day announce his innocence.

"I swear before the whole world," exclaimed M. Zola, in conclusion, "that Dreyfus is innocent, and that France, some day, will thank me for saving her honor."

The speech was constantly interrupted.

MISS WILLARD'S WILL.

Goes to the Chicago Temple Fund.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—By the torms of the will of Miss Frances E. Willard, late President of the W.C.T.U., her estate will pass into the Temple fund, after the life interests of her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, and of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Willard, have expired. The property consists of "Rest Cottage," at Evanston, valued at \$16,000; a small cottage in the Adirondacks and \$3,000 in cash, which was presented to Miss Willard on her 50th birthday.

By the original will the estate was to pass to the W.C.T.U., but a codicil dated after the Buffalo convention diverts it to the Temple fund. The Temple trustees will probably waive their rights and leave the estate entirely to the direct beneficiaries.

Thomas Gamey, ex-M.P.P. for Centre Grey, died on Sunday at his home in Osprey township, aged 73. He had lived there 40 years, and held the wardenhesip of the county for some time, besides having been reeve of the township for 20 years He was a Patron in politics. Paralysis was the cause of death.

Call to Rev. J. A. Matheson, Priceville, Ont., Feb. 22.—At a joint meeting of congragation.

London, Feb. 22.—The House of Co

counties, would be modified and the county councils would take over the duties of grand jurys, but only in fiscal matters, and would not include criminal jurisdiction or questions of componenation for malicious injuries. (Irish "Oh's.") The elections for county and district councils would be triennial, and all would retire togother. The county councils would be the sole rate collecting authority and would control the expenditure. They would also be responsible for dealing with exceptional distress, and would decide when the requests of boards of guardians for outdoor relief should be granted. Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick, Londonderry and Waterford would be constituted independent county councils. The county would be resonsible for

an equal sum to be granted from the Im-perial Exchequer as an agricultural grant. Mr. Balfour said he thought the bill

Mr. John Morley, Chief Secretary for reland in the late Liberal Administra-

was not equal to the English and Scotch measures. He pointed out that control of the police was not given to the councils, Nevertheless, he added, the bill would do much good, and his party would endeavor to execute it in good faith.

Mr. John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, also welcomed the bill, but he criticized some points of the measure. If tworked successfully it would be an unanswerable argument in favor of Home Rule.

tive member for North Armagh, said a najority of the landlords recognized the elecestity of the measure, which offered in opportunity for all classes of Irishmen Mr. Timothy M. Ho

Mr. Joseph Chamberan, Sectory of State for the Colonies, said he received yesterday a despatch from Lieutenant Pilcher, commeding at Lokojah, stating he had received information that four French European officers, with a hundred men, had arrived at Argungu (or Argungi) on the Sokoto River, and within the sphere of British influence. Mr. Chamberlain added: "I cannot believe that, pending the negotiations, the French Government can have authorized this invasion of territory over which our rights have been recognized by the convention between Great Britain and France."

The Times, commenting editorially on the news from Sokoto, says it cannot

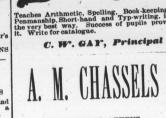
Times Favors the White Pass.

London, Feb. 22.—The Times refers editorially to a route by rail to the Klondike.—It compares the White Pass and Stikine-Teslin routes, and says there can be no surprise at the opposition aroused against the Dominion Government proposals regarding the building of the railway. The article strongly favors the White Pass route.

Shelburne Perjury Case.

Orangeville, Feb. 21.—John Hamilton, ox reeve of Shelburne; Adam Loudon, James Sammons and Jimmy Small, the last three of Melantthon, will be tried on the perjury charges on which they were committed for trial last fall by Magistrates. Bown and MoCue at the Dufferin Spring Assizes, which open in Orange-ville before Judge Meredith on April 4. Shelburne Perjury Case.

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