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THE UNDERAKER DECLINES TO BECOME FINANCE MINISTER

Returned from the Interior in Whole Skin and Has No Regrets Nor Anything Else to Report—Has Made a Big Seizure.

Vancouver, March 19.—(Special.)—"Fighting" Joe Martin has returned from the interior. He chafed the Sison Koo, but found the perimeter too large and withdrew in good order. He has no regrets to report, neither has he anything else to report from Kamloops, where he spent the afternoon, however, that M. P. Gordon, the general director, after grave consideration, declined to undertake the responsibilities of the Department of Finance, under existing conditions. He gave the Premier his promise that if he would secure the united support of the Liberal party he would gladly resign.

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Instructions to the Militia Department to Send the B. C. Section of the Halifax Garrison to Esquimaux Camp From Lord Seymour.

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Largest was £10,000,000

Heavy Applications Will be Awarded Six Per Cent. of the Amount Asked.

Budget Passed Second Reading

After Mr. John Redmond Had Proposed Taxation on Ireland.

LONDON, March 19.—In the House of Commons today the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced that the total number of applications for the war loan had been 39,000, and the total amount of subscriptions £775,000,000. The largest application had been for £10,000,000. Applicants for £10,000,000 and upwards would get 6 per cent. of their application. Below £10,000,000 the assignments would vary from 6 per cent. to an amount in full.

The trouble as to China, Commons today regarding the report of the Department of the Foreign Office, William St. John Brodrick, said Her Majesty's Government had taken and would take no action to prevent the sale of British interests in this connection. He also denied the story published in the United States that the American Government was sending a fleet to China.

Best Passed Second Reading. During the budget discussion Mr. John Redmond, the Irish leader, said the Irish members abstained from the discussion, as it imposed upon Ireland an additional £20,000,000 of which, of course, Ireland would bear the burden. The bill passed its second reading by a vote of 152 to 80.

A HINT FROM THE SENATE. Which Shows That the Miscalculation Bill Will Be Discontinued to a Finish.

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