ble in the house the day before yester- ed citizens propose is that the mayor illuminated address, handsomely embelday. Undoubtedly the barbarous legal call a public meeting for, say, Friday lished around the edges with the stars jargon in which, anfortunately, it is still evening in the City Hall; that every and stripes and headed by the declaradeemed proper to draw up bills plain effort be made to get a representative tion of intention to become an American people are expected to read and under- gathering of all classes of the citizens; citizen, surrounded with red, white and stand ("ignorance of the law excuseth that strong, plainly worded resolutions blue "so help me Gods" and "E Pluribus ne man" is of cast-iron application), be drawn up, and that no time be lost Unums" might fit the case; while a keen renders confusion almost inevitable; and in bringing the same before the govern- and trusty presentation sword of pewter this will be the case till those mediaeval- ment. We cordially endorse these pro- and a fountain pen would add to the warisms are cut out of our public business. posals; we sincerely hope that the citi- like nature of the presentation. Perhaps Mr. Kellie's bill aims at the suppression | zens will turn out en masse, and that it will be more tolerable for the redoubtof one of the most abominable abuses the programme as outlined will be car- able Kunnel to go torth and slaughter that disgrace the social life of the pre- ried through. Let there be no unseem- Spanish army corps (with his pen) than sent day-to put an end to the heartless by bickering or hair-splitting, but unantite remain here to answer awkward "sweating" of helpless workingmen by mity on these points: unscruptious contractors and others, and 1. What was the reason for the regive our laboring classes a chance to fusal by the provincial government of nel in uniform at the head of his regiobtain proper compensation for their the Dominion government' advantageous men, pointing with his glittering falchion work. To many persons who never 2. Is there any good reason why the his brave fellows: "Death or glory for bother their heads with such matters, offer should not even now be accepted? and there are over many, it will be astem- 3. That the government be most earmishing news to learn that the British estly urged to take definite action lookworkingman, in too many instances, is ing to the removal of the reserve, or workingman, in too many instances, is give good and sufficient reasons for re-used by his employers no better than a fusal to do so. Louisiana plantation slave before the war: compelled to take "truck" for wages, and are out of order; but by every sign feed on garbage called "provisions" sup- that can be read the public feeling on plied by the contractor, and charged for this vitally important matter is not out at Dawson City prices. In British Co- of order. To put the matter in the lumbia there is crying need for such leg- plainest language, the Turner governislation as that offered by Mr. Kellie's ment have mede an awful bungle in bill, which is modelled on the British this affair; maybe through anxiety to act of 1831. We are decidedly behind guard the public interest, but neverthe others"), instructed Captain Black to the mother land in providing legislation less a grievous, although we hope not make some additional filings in Omifor the protection of our toilers—the irretrievable, blunder. More, they have, neca." Oh, ho; indeed, now, and if it is vicious and wholly indefensible system in a manner, gratuitously insulted the not an impertinent question, how many known as the truck system was prohibit- Dominion government; for rejection of more companies, syndicates and whated in Great Britain in Charles the Sec- such an offer as that government made nots is this dogmatic Americanond's time, and more fully in 1831, by inevitably leads to the conclusion that citizen editor connected with? They statute 1 and 2, William IV,, c. 37, which the provincial government suspected the are coming out by degrees—in requires that the wages of workingmen Dominion government's bona fides. be paid in coin or current money, and not in goods. In spite of that act, the incapacity, the feebleness, the nervethough, the system flourishes to a con- less grasp of this strange company of value of their editor-director and siderable extent. It is an outrageous so-called statesmen upon public affairs. furthwith "fired" him; what will the and most impertinent thing for any con- By all means let there be a strong, tractor or employer to dictate or attempt unanimous, unmistakable expression of the proprietors of the Colonist will to dictate to his workmen where they public opinion at this most necessary not allow any brazen-faced "tooting" of shall eat and sleep, what they shall eat meeting we hope our mayor will call Omineca in its columns by the syndicand what they shall pay for food and for Friday evening. lodging. Where such action on the part of any contractor or employer can be proved, the criminal should be punished with the utmost severity of the law as the inquitous redistribution bill the British subjects as if he had a charter an example to other rascals. The work- Turner government have spring on the direct from Her Majesty, allegiance to ingmen should be the special charges of people would get in the apper country a paternal government, and their rights was quite correct. A perfect hurricane him God"; impugns the motives of men and interests should be most jealously of wrath and indignation has swept the of unblemished character, and prostitutes guarded against the greedy contractor inland constituencies, and our telegraphic the columns of the Colonist to "boom,"

to uproot constitutes one of the most from burning Premier Turner in effigy. serious attacks od the liberties of the Why were the ditizens restrained? Why most useful, but, unfortunately, most were those who restrained them not aphelpless (at present) portion of the com- prehended ond detained in custody? munity. Workingmen have themselves Outraged public feeling must find vent something to say against the Senator greatly to blame for the growth of this somewhere, and surely it is as little as that would not be to his credit to pubmonstrous system; they sheadily refuse Premier Turner can expect that he shall lish. If the editor of the Colonist reto recognize their own power to right be changed and burned in effigy as reptheir own wrongs by the simple process resentative of the ministry that issued is gentlemanly, if he is for fair play and of organization, union. When they do, a measure which betrays upper country truck acts will be unmecessary; for the interests most shamefully. The Duke fer his charge. We do not believe for abomination known as the truck system of Wellington was besieged in Apsley a single instant that his cowardly in will not exist. But until labor in British House for a milder crime; and many a Columbia is organized, united and strong; legislator has been actually assassinated formed into a fraternity able to guard for less. Indignation meetings, our corits own interests, it must expect to see respondent says, are being arranged, and the truck system continue to flourish, the people are pledging themselves to Mr. Kellie's, bill, it is understood, will oppose the Turner government at the have a stormy passage through the next election. In good sooth Premier house; its numerous enemies will attempt Turner and his fellow ministers have to hack the life out of it and reduce it made a woeful mess of their chances in to a poor emasculated thing, atterly in the upper country by this stroke of busieffectual for the purposes originally in- ness. That and the Revelstoke bank aftended. The friends of the working man fair; the Kettle River Railway resoluin the house should see to it that such tion; the premier's prevarication to the attempts are met properly, and that the Revelstokers; Hon. Chinese "Rats!" changes that may be made ane made for Martin's awful "breaks" in the house good and sufficient cause

SONGHEES RESERVE CRISTS.

Victoria is the prompt removal of the Baker's coal dealing and education mag-Songhees Indian reserve from the heart gots-all have contributed their quota to of the city to some point outside Wic- the political damnation of the Turner toria. The question has now reached company of ministerial acrobats so far a crisis; it remains with the citizens as the upper country is concerned. In themselves to say whether that unsightly Victoria they have committed political blotch upon the fairest city in Canada suicide in particularly wanton and "blugshall remain, or whether it shall be me | gy" fashon by botching the Songhees moved at once and forever to a place reserve removal business. Pity the admore suited to its presence. We have vocate that pleads the cause of such a published (Saturday, April 9th) in full crew. British Columbia will never prosthe correspondence which passed be per so long as the Turner ministry or its tween Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, represent- like have control of its affairs. ing the Department of the Interior of OUR FRIEND THE KUNNEL. the Dominian government and Premier Turner. We sincerely trust that every good citizen read that correspondence rumor that has reached Victoria that the and gave it his best thought. For it American government, recognizing the contained, among other things, the se- inevitableness of war with Spain and istry that ever saw the light of day the colors have summoned the American in public print. Every person who read citizen editor of the Colonist to take that correspondence must have felt him- command of a newly-raised regiment of puzzled us-what on earth ever prompted Stunners? At all events if such be the the Turner government to refuse the case we can only admire the sterling Dominion government's offer? Can any- common sense and businesslike appreciaone solve the riddle? Most assuredly tion of the American government in its the solution does not appear in the let- choice of talented warriors to lead on

ly expressed, can force this piece of L-g-n decide to obey the imperative order

It may be some of the foregoing points

WAR TO THE KNIFE.

dispatches say it was with difficulty "toot," "boost" and puff private con-The evil which Mr. Kellie's bill seeks some of the citizens were restrained erris in which he is pecuniarily inter-

(and out of it); Hon. Mr. Bumptions Vitally important to the welfare of ency and two-opinionativeness; Hon. Col.

Pleb. Eberts's attorney-generalizing; Hon. C. E. Pooley's pugilistic belliger-

Can there be any truth in the faint verest arraignment of the Turner min- calling in all American citizens to join self puzzled by the same enigma that feacibles known as the Seattle Grenadier ters of the premier or the Hon. Mr. to victory the hattalions of the republic. Eherts, attorney-general and acting pre- The Kunnel is gifted by nature and mier. Yet the people have a right to art to do this thing for the American know, and if the enthusiasm, energy and people; but it is rumored the American public spirit animating the party of Vic- war department want him particularly toria citizens now exerting themselves to to take charge of the war correspondents bring this matter to a focus spread in the field, the Kunnel's magnificent deamong the citizens, they can force the scriptive touch being better known to Turner government to explain why. the war department of his adopted coun-Citizens of Victoria, it will be a try than it is even in his forsworn one. shameful, humiliating thing to allow It is understood he is to have charge this affair to pass unnoticed or without of the writing-up of the series of brilliprotest. The reward of the struggle ant victories laid down in the American that we hope will now be engaged in plans to be won over the garlic Spaniards is splendid, the immediate acceptance of by the gallant Yankees. The Kunnel's the Dominon government's generous of unique experience in "doing up" company fer and the early removal of the reserve. notices will make him a rare hand at Public opinion, strongly and unanimous- the yellowish details. Should Kunnel

tardy justice from the provincial gov- of his government to join his regiment Clause ten in Mr. Kellie's Truck Act ernment's unwilling hands; it is well instanter at Seattle barracks, some suitseems to have given a good deal of troug worth the effort. What the public-spirit- able send-off should be arranged. An queries that may be put by certain unreasonable company directors. The Kunour country's flag!" while putting his spirited mustang into the battle-smoke will be a sight for gods and men.

MIXING IT UP.

This morning the editor of the Colonist takes the public of Victoria into his confidence and informs them that he "is one of a syndicate engaged in exploiting the Omineca country," from which the unquestionably precious Mr. Grider has just arrived; and "that he (the editor of the Colonist), with others, ("there are penny numbers, so to speak-and

Citizens, it is painful to contemplate we shall have a pretty list directly. The company quickly found out the syndicate do when it finds that editor-director, and their bargain turns out barren? What strikes the average citizen here is the mountainous impudence What we said relating to the reaccition of this man who lays down the law to whom he solemnly foreswore, "so help ested. This is the creature who venomously assails the character of Senator less and void of truth. He says he has tains the remotest recollection of what even-handed justice, let him at once pre sinuation was anything more than a piece of that American "bluff" that passes for astuteness among the scum of

> —J. W. Forrest, one of the passenger of the Centennial, left Dawson on Marc 14th. He estimates the output for this winter at about \$15,000,000. He says that all the creeks on which gold ha been found now have been prospected are turning out well, particularly Domin on creek, which will probably ri he left prospectors working there took out a pan which went as high as \$48. He is a claim owner on one of the trib-utaries of the El-Dorado, and brings out some large nuggets as samples of what his property produces. Forrest me Judge McGuire and party at Five Fin gers, on their way to Dawson.

> American frontier towns: but if the editor

of the Colonist does not reply to this

challenge he must expect to have him-

self branded in this community as cow

ardly, untruthful and no gentleman.



are that the doctor says it's stomach, or liver, or heart trouble Nine times in ten he isn't within a mile of right. He treats for these troubles and charges hig bills until the husband gets dis-gusted and throws him out. The trouble is sually weakness or disease of the dis-

tinctly feminine organism.

Many hisbands, after paying big doctorbills while their wives grew steadily worse, have at last written to a physician of national reputation and learned the truth. They have been justly indignant at the igorant pretenders who have experimented upon their wives' health. By writing to Dr. R. V. Pierce, any ailing woman may receive the free advice of an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting al Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescriptton is a marvelous med-icine for women. It cures all weakness and disease of the organs distinctly feminine. It heals all internal ulceration and inflamnation and stops debilitating drains. Over 00.000 women have testified, over their own signatures, to its wonderful merits.

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"For several years I suffered with prolapsus of the uterus," writes Miss A. Lee Schuster, of Box 12. Rodney. Jefferson Co., Miss. "I had a fall from my horse, causing retroversion of the uterus. Our family physician treated me for kidney trouble and everything else but the right thing. I grew worse and worse. My body was emicated, hands and feet clammy and cold, stomach weak, with great palpitation of the heart. I dreaded for night to come, for I would suffer from nausea all night, and so I continued until I began taking Dr. Pierce's Pavorite Prescription, and I began to fumproveright away. I am now well and happo."

ve right away. I am now well and happy. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

KLONDIKE NUGGETS

Interest in the Northern Goldfields Increased by the Latest Exhibit.

"Plunger" Charlie Meadows Estimates the Winter's Output at \$30,000,000

Gold nuggets are becoming quite common in Victoria, but even in the days of Cariboo's wonderful production of the yellow metal it is doubtful if large ones were seen here than those which are be ing exhibited to-day in the Grotto saloon, Trounce avenue, and which were obtain ed from Hunker and Bonanza creeks. They are the property of Charles Meadows, known as "Plunger" Charlie, a recently returned Klondiker, and fourteen of them represent a value of considerably more than \$1,000, the largest being worth \$215.

Mr. Meadows went to Dawson last

year, taking with him twelve men and seven tons of supplies. The men were all under grub stake contract, and succeeded in getting claims on the richest creeks in the district.

creeks in the district.

"I travelled up and down the creeks for several weks," said Mr. Meadows, "just to get acquainted with the biggest mines and to investigate the properties that had been opened up. Now, I aim not making estimates, and I don't want you that I have formed any calculators. to say that I have formed any calcula-tions as to the probable output of the Klondike mines. I know that all kinds estimates have been given to the pub-and that some of them have been usands of miles from the truth. This is why I am not particularly anxious to make any prognostications. We will all know when the dumps have been washed

Mr. Meadows has a list of all the claim owners on Bonanza, El Dorado, Hunker, Bear, All Gold, Sulphur and Dominion creeks. On eighty of the big gest dividend payers in the district, he went down into the mines and panned the dirt from the bedrock just as the mine workers did. Then he talked with the workmen and with the claim owners until he was pretty well conversant with the subject. Pressed to make some kind of a statement for publication as to the probable amount of gold that will be brought out this year, he said: "Well, brought out this year, he said: "Well, I shall not be surprised to see the miners wash out \$30,000,000. Of course it may go higher than this. It is very difficult indeed for any man to make a valuable estimate. Yet, if any man was to ask me if the Klondike product for the season would reach \$30.000,000. I should say that in my opinion that was a conative estimate.

servative estimate.

Mr. Meadows is in Victoria in the interest of the "Klondike News." the prospectus of which shows a handsomely received of which shows a handsomely covered 24-page journal devoted to the interests of the Yukon and its tribu-. The paper will contain 130 half-illustrations of the richest mines and photo-engravures and biographical sketches of the leading mine owners are gether with maps, guides, etc. It will be published in Chicago, and one million copies distributed throughout the United States. Canada, England and Australia. and Mr. Meadows will interview the poard of trade with a view of inducing the Victoria merchants and tradesmen to take the exclusive right to advertise this the outfitting point on the Pacific as \$2,000 for a short bid as \$2,000 for a short biographical sketch and a photograph, and Mr. Meadows is an enthusiastic believer that he has the very best advertising proposition yet

THE YUKON RAILWAY. Provincial Government's Proposal to Aid

It Endorsed on the Mainland. Vancouver, April 22.-Mayor Garden took the chair to-night at a very representative meeting for the purpose of considering the advisability of the local government aiding immediately the building of a railway from a British Columbia port to the Klondeke region. The meeting was called by the board of trade. road. As the Dominion government were not going to take any action this year, it was thought that the provincial govern-ment should step in. The speakers of the evening were Prof. Odlum. Messrs. H. Alexander, W. Godfrey, John Hendry, Thos. Dunn and J. C. Mc-Lagan, of Vancouver; and T. J. Trapp, of Westminster. Prof. Odlum made most exhaustive speech, exhibiting a large, comprehensive map and explaining the entire situation, arousing the national enthusiasm of the audience by apt patriotic suggestions bearing on the question. J. C. McLagan made a short plea in favor of British Columbia aiding the railroad. He read a telegram from Premier Laurier, saying in effect that the federal government could do nothing towards promoting a Yukon railway this year, owing to the action of the senate. Mr. McLagan's remarks were lendly applauded. He introduced the following resolution, seconded to R. H. Alexander: "That whereas the failure of the

scheme introduced in the Dominion parsomething to do liament for the construction of a railway from Glenora to Teslin lake, etc. 'And, whereas, the immediate construction of a railway through Canadian territory, to some point on the coast to Teslin lake, is of vital importance, etc.

> "Therefore, it is the opinion of this mass meeting of citizens of Vancouver that it is the duty of the British Columbian government, in order to preserve the trade of the province, etc., to secure the immediate construction of such railway from Teslin lake to Glenora, and the early construction of such southward to some port in British Columbia, if the construction of said work can be secured on advantageous terms; and that the government take steps to secure the road on the following terms: That the subsidy shall not exceed \$4,000 per mile: that the government shall secure the power to impose such tolls on freight and passenger traffic on said road as will recoup them in reasonable time for such assistance as they may extend to said railway; that the government shall have authority to regulate rates of charges on said road and to reserve such rights

> therein as may protect the public in terests.' Mr Turner, representing the National ists' Society, moved in amendment that no subsidy be given, but that the British Columbian government build the road from Glenora to Teslin lake and operate

Clauses were added to the original Mc-Lagan resolution that no miners' licenses be issused to aliens, or no Chinese be ruling.



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employed on the railway. The amend- that was heard to break in upon the ment then being put, 52 voted for it and 70 against it. The original motion was then put and carried. New Westminster, April 22.-The board

of trade at the meeting last night adopted the following resolution:

"Therefore, it is the opinion of this board that, under the existing emerboard that, under the existing emerboard that, under the existing emer-gency, it is the duty of the government of British Columbia, in order to protect finance tried to explain that I and preserve the natural trade and other interrupted before he had fin interests of the province, to secure the

mmediate construction of a railway from Teslin lake to Glenora, and the continuation of such a road to some suitable port on the British Columbia coast, as soon as mossible, if such construction can be as possible, if such construction can be secured on advantageous terms; "And the board recommends the prowincial government to take such steps as will secure the construction of the

said works on the following conditions: (1) That the subsidy will not exceed \$4,-000 per mile; (2) That the contractors will agree to allow the government such tolls on freight and passenger traffic passing over said road as will recoup the government, within a reasonable time, for such advances as it may make for the said work; (3) That the government shall have authority to regulate the rate of charges on said road, and to exercise such other rights therein as may protect the public interest."

The Killing of the Kettle River Bailway Bill by the Legislators.

Insinuations by Frost Lead to a Hot Time-Pandemonium in the Chamber.

Ottawa, April 16.-The chief interest in the House of Commons yesterday centred in the close of the debate over the Kettle River Valley Railway bill introduced by Mr. Bostock, and supported by the Grand Trunk Railway and a mapority of the Liberals, and opposed by the C.P.R. and a majority of the Conservatives. The fight has continued for weeks in the railway committee, and has lasted three weeks in the house at odd intervals, and came to a head last night, when the bill was thrown out by a vote of forty-four to sixty-four. The who, in the words of the chairman, had only speakers last night were Messrs. sent a strong resolution favoring such 2 the bill, and the year and nays were taken. Eight members of the cabinet voted in favor of the bill and only two against. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was absent and the following members of the government rayored the bilk. Sir Richard Cartwright, the Hon, A. G. Blair, the Hon. Clifford Sifton, the Hon. William Mulock, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Hon. William Paterson, the Hon. R. R. Dobell and the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. The following voted against: The Hon.
J. Israel Tarte and Sir Henri Joli de
Lotbiniere. On the Conservative side only seven voted for the bill, including Sir A. P. Caron and the Hon. Col. Tisdale. Sir Charles Tupper was a Mr. Foster voted against the bill.

Row in the House.

Mr. Frost said that Mr. Bennett, the member for East Simcoe, on Thurs-day night had said that Mr. Tarte was the debt of the Drummond County Railway Company. Mr. Tarte had de nied the truth of the insinuation, but in spite of that circumstance Mr. Bennett stood up yesterday and told Mr. Frost that if he looked up last session's Han-sard he would find there a statement by Mr. Tarte that he had received twenty thousand dollars from Mr. Greenshields, Mr. Tarte sprang to his feet. He was angry. "What the hon, gentleman (Mr. Bennett) says," he cried out, "is altogether untrue, and he knows it, too."

Mr. Frost proceeded with his speech, but when he had uttered probably half a dozen sentences Mr. Davin intermitted

dozen sentences Mr. Davin interrupted him and called for the ruling of Deputy Speaker Brodeur, who was in the chair, as to the admissibility of the minister's assertion that Mr. Bennett had made a assertion that Mr. Bennett had made a statement that he knew to be untrue.

The speaker's impartial ruling was that both the statement of Mr. Bennett and the answer of Mr. Tarte were equally unfortunate and unparliamentary.
Mr. Frost would then have been mitted to continue had not Mr. Clancy

arisen to ask if two wrongs made a right and that if one breach of the rules was to be set off by another. He demanded ruling.
Mr. Fielding observed that Mr. Frost having proceeded with his speech before Mr. Davin got up, no point of order had properly been raised.

Dr. Montague insisted that Mr. Tarte should be compelled to withdraw his reply to Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Tarte contended that his observa-

tion was perfectly in order. The Storm Bursts Forth It looked as if peace would be restored when Mr. Bennett explained to the house that his statement had not been

made with the object of damaging the minister of public works, but the storm burst forth with redoubled vigor after Sir Charles Tupper had spoken. The Sir Charles Tupper had spoken. The lender of the opposition reiterated the demand of Mr. Montague that the minister's words should be taken. The Conservatives looked to the speaker for a ruling. But it was Mr. Tarte's voice fields by the Islander on Thursday.

momentary silence. What he man knows, for the opposition a how that shook the raiters bies. Mr. Tarte sat down and ing stood up. He, too, was sin an avalanche of noise, but a he wanted to say, but that was all. wanted to say. He made determined that he should not they sent a broadside across stood up. It did not occur to him that the ministerialists would presume to in sist upon the strict application to him of the rule preventing a member from speaking more than once on the subject, which he had invoked against the minister of finance. But he was imsay anything Mr. Tarte reminded the speaker that Sir Charles Tupper had al-

ready spoken.

Mr. Speaker called this circumstance to the attention of the leader of the op-Sir Charles, who a moment before would grant no indulgence to Mr. Fielding, modulated his tone and appealed for permission to speak.
"No, no," shrieked Mr. Tarte, who was on his feet, waving his arms.

NORTH RIDING OF YALE. Graphic Expose of the Government's

Election Tactics Kamloops, April 18.—The convention of government supporters met in Kamloops on Saturday, 16th, afternoon, at 2, to select a candidate to bear the Turner colors in North Yale at the coming election. The affair had been well worked up and everything cut and dried for the Hon. G. B. Martin's nomination, which was the expect martin's nomination, which was the eapeued outcome of the gathering. As soon as
the date for holding this convention had
been announced the opposition candidate's
supporters decided to hold a public meeting on the evening of the same day. This
was done with a twofold object. In the ing on the evening of the same day. This was done with a twofold object. In the first place, Mr. J. T. Robinson, in an open letter published in the government organ in Kamloops, and addressed to Mr. Deane, accused the latter of indulging in mean, despicable tactics and complaining that government supporters had not been given invitations to attend and speak at opposition meetings. Although this was contrary to the facts Mr. Dean determined that the

invitations to action the first was contrary to the facts Mr. Dean determined that the challenge thus thrown down should not pass unneeded. In the press and on posters. Messrs. Robinson, Sarel, Gordon, and leading worker ors, Messrs, Robinson, Sarel, Gordon, and O'Brien, Mr. Martin's leading workers, were specially invited to attend and speak at the opposition meeting on the evening of the 16th. The second object in holding of the 16th. The second object in holding the meeting at this time was to give the delegates to the government convention a chance of hearing the political issues of the day discussed by both sides. A more fitting time for the meeting could not have been chosen. But this did not suit Messrs. Robinson, Sarel, Gordon and O'Brien. They did not want their men to hear Mr. Denne's been chosen. But this did not suit Messrs. Robinson, Sarel, Gordon and O'Brien. They did not want their men to hear Mr. Deane's exposure of the government's misuse of their opportunities. How to get out of it was the question. Having thrown down the gage, they must needs attend Mr. Deane's meeting, but to do so would betray the weakness of their cause and they would lose supporters. Fertile in questionable resources a way out of the difficulty was found at the eleventh hour. The convention met at 2 p.m. and 3:30-it-was adjourned until 8 p.m. "for the discussion of very important business!" Dodgers conveying this intelligence were hastily printed and distributed freely, to the intense disgust of many who had hoped to hear a fair discussion of public questions, but who readly saw through Mr. Robinson's filmsy and clumsy device to escape the defeat he and his colleagues would have sustained had they mustered up courage to meet Mr. Deane on a public platform. These men had a week's notice of Mr. Deane's meeting. Their afternoon session lasted one and a half hours, and the evening sitting the same length of time. Had they wished to do so they could have transacted all their business between 2 and 5 p.m.—three hours. But they did not wish to do this, nor did they wish that government supporters should attend Mr. Deane's meeting. The Robinson in his paper upon Mr. Deane is most contemptible and shows cowardice and gross insolence on his part.

Deane is most contemptible and shows cowardice and gross insolence on his part.

Mr. Deane's meeting was well attended and the several addresses given were enthusiastically received. During Mr. Deane's address a few government men. their meeting being over, entered the hall, among them Mr. J. F. Smith, the contributor of local news to the Vancouver Turner organ, who alone had "the courage of his convictions." made a brief defence of the cause he espoused.

An amusing, incident happened at the onening of the opposition meeting: Mr. Sarel, the editor of the local government sheet, and secretary of the government candidate's committee, protested against Deane is most contemptible and show

onvention different to the facts. marks were received with lears and he hurriedly left the hall. evening. Mr. Deane read sever s to the absolute correctness of " Hom. G. B. Martin's remarks the Chinese as published in the By resolution the meeting pledged itselection support Mr. Deane and secure his elections

The action of the government party loca ders in shirking this opportunit he opposition candidate has produceding of intense discust on all side as a result of it many lovers of fair p who hitherto had no particular leanings sither side have openly avowed their cention to support Mr. Deane.

-W. F. Grider intends to return the Ominees country very shortly. properties, which he believes to be tremely valuable. Mr. Grider so yory highly of the treatment he has paired from the authorities in and save he will always have comember the fairness shown toward him under conditions of a most harrass ing nature.

Mr. John A. Morley and partner, of Sand Reach, Mich., left for the northern gold

Spanish Cruiser Said To The American Liner Irish Coast.

United States Issues a Asking for 120,000 Two Years.

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The North Atlantic Squa Off Havana, Causing Excitement

London, April 23. newspapers in this city dispatch from Belfast say worthy news has been re the effect that the America Paris has been capture coast by a Spanish cruis has not returned to Sout ported. She passed the l evening.

Madrid, April 23.-(12 reported capture of the steamer City of Paris cruiser aroused great exe favorably affected prices Washington, April 23 has issued a proclamati

120,000 volunteers to ser not sooner discharged. Washington, D. C., Washington Post says to-day sent a message gesting that a declarat passed. The president's ing congress to declare are: First, he can ava of the services of the senond, Spain, by her ac

ly declared war; third, may be entitled unques money for captures. Representative Hull. it was General Miles' a landing in Cuba as so It would take six week to equip a volunteer ar Havana, April 23-Th is agitated by war United States fleet offing. Great confide the Spaniards in the eff batteries. Crowds night assembled at

age to gaze upon the Madrid, April 23.continues here and Patriotic demonstrati have occurred every gious services of pray are being organized

Spanish arms. Key West, April tramp steamer Pedro United States flagship day, was brought this morning under in charge of a prize vessel which was Spanish mail steame

Some Report Key West. April tug reports that the has captured a steamer plying beti Porte Rico. It is b prize captured by Alfonso XII., a H to-day, not the wa The torpedo fieet is

London, April 23. cle publishes a disp which says a private there reports that t Key West capture probably the Graci flag, which cleared 18, bound for Liver Philadelphia, Apr exchange here this following dispatch: Key West, Ap

Pedro, from Antw Fla., arrived this a warship. The freighter of 1.892 t on March 25. London, April 2 that the Spanish l erican ship Shena from San Fran The Shenandoah January 5 for Liv masted vessel of 3 is owned by Art

Bath. Maine. Indian Up Santa Fe. Apr has telegraphed that there is a will rise, now the drawn, and aski volunteers to imm Bayard and Wi

border. A Spani Madrid, April Spain does not o tion by neutral p traband of war, and cites the cas which opposed France in the To rice contraband. considered in Ch and currency to "All that Engl