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## CLOSURE APPLICATIONS UP TO OPPOSITION

### On Behavior of Liberals Will Depend Whether it is Enforced

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRIME MINISTER

### Telegrams from all Over Canada Heartily Commend Stand Taken by Government—Naval Bill Obstruction May Force Closure.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, April 24.—Telegrams poured in upon the prime minister today from all parts of Canada commending the firm stand taken by him in the introduction and adoption of the closure. The closure as a means of expediting the business of the country, is declared to be in the best interests of the Dominion.  
The effect of last night's vote is already felt in the House. The first happening of the day added to the confusion of the opposition by completely answering one of the main arguments advanced against the so-called "gas." Liberals had insisted in the course of the closure debate that motions to adjourn for the discussion of questions of urgent public importance would be barred under the new rules. They came forward today with such a motion and there was no "gas" although the urgency of the question raised was not revealed. It had to do with an Indian land transaction in British Columbia. When that was disposed of both the Burrell bill for the encouragement of agriculture and the Cochrane-Gilg Road bill were advanced for the former standing now for its third reading.  
Tomorrow will probably be devoted to government bills other than the naval bill, and supply. The new rule adopted last night will be applicable to supply tomorrow when the feet on the introduction of "grievance" discussions on the supply motion being prohibited on Thursdays and Fridays.  
Up to The Opposition.  
It is now for the opposition to decide whether or not the closure itself is to be applied at all. That it must be invoked in regard to the naval bill seems inevitable. There are a number of irreconcilables among the Liberals who would invite the application of "the gas" in regard to other bills, and in respect to supply, but a majority of the opposition are said to be against this plan.  
There arrived today the great enemy of all obstructionists, a real hot wave. A determined effort is being made by a section of the opposition to kill the naval bill in the hope that an election may even yet be brought about. The killing of the bill would not call for a dissolution, but there are many good judges on Parliament Hill who do not admit the certainty of the rejection of the naval bill by the senate. The power is undoubtedly there, but there are a number of Liberal senators who are secretly averse to using it.  
When the four Ontario vacancies are filled, the Liberals will still have a majority of 25. Allowing absence of the adverse majority might be from 15 to 20 on a straight party vote.  
The right of the Senate to amend the naval bill may be challenged.  
It is an appreciation measure, and there is some doubt as to whether the senate can do other than accept it, or reject it as it stands.  
As the Liberals in the House of Commons have already voted for an expenditure of \$35,000,000 for naval defence purposes, the rejection of the bill and a refusal to spend the money at all would be going farther than even the Commons Liberals dared go. There is still a chance that the senate may refuse the jump.  
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## MINERS CLASH WITH COMPANY

### Ultimatum of Empire Steel and Iron Co. Answered by General Strike—Railroad Tied Up.

## CANADA WILL HAVE A NATIONAL GALLERY

### Hon. Robert Rogers Gives Notice of Resolution to Transfer Present Gallery to Canadian Government.

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## MONTENEGRO MUST GIVE UP SCUTARI TO ALBANIA

### CHALLENGE BY LIPTON CONSIDERED

### New York Yacht Club Appeals Committee to Decide as to Acceptance or Rejection of Challenge.

## POWERS WILL FORCE Obedience to Their Decision.

### NATIONS WILL NOT PERMIT OCCUPATION

### City Could be Evacuated Without Loss of Dignity—European Conflagration Impossible to Please Montenegrins

Rome, April 24.—Representations have been made to Montenegro, it became known today, in which the attention of the Cetinje government is called to the fact that the Balkan states have bowed to the decision of the powers, inspired by the supreme interests of Europe.  
Bulgaria, it was pointed out to the Montenegrin government, had renounced her decision to continue the movement of her army toward Constantinople. Serbia had given up the outpost of Durazzo. Greece has abstained from permanently occupying the town of Valona and Montenegro must evacuate Scutari.  
Such a move on the part of the Montenegrins, it was considered here, would not imply any loss of dignity after her occupation of the city. If the European powers ended in the matter of Scutari, the decision of the other Balkan states also would have the right to realize their aspirations.  
Italy, close followers of the Balkan situation, declare, was ready to have war rather than allow Greece to occupy Valona and Austria also rather would go to war than allow a change in the boundary of northern Albania, as arranged by the London ambassadors' conference.  
Cetinje government, it is understood, has been told that it would be impossible to allow an European occupation simply to please Montenegrins.  
Tells of Surrender.  
Constantinople, April 24.—Essad Pasha, the Turkish commander of Scutari, has reported to the port that he surrendered the town in consequence of the exhaustion of the provisions and on condition that his troops were allowed to depart with arms and ammunition and authorized to embark immediately at San Giovanni Di Medua.  
Territorial Advantages.  
London, April 25.—In diplomatic quarters in London last night, the belief prevailed that Montenegro would yield to the powers on the Scutari question, and it was reported that Montenegro had made an informal suggestion regarding a new frontier line in this district, giving her territorial and other advantages, including possession of the town of Bordica and both banks of the Bvana River.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS PRIESTER LOSES HIS BIG LEGAL ADVISOR

### Frank B. Proctor, Solicitor for R. C. Miller, Withdraws from Case—Much Mystery Attached to Act.

Ottawa, April 24.—Frank B. Proctor, solicitor, has withdrawn from the Miller case. For the last two months Mr. Proctor has been representing R. C. Miller, the House of Commons prisoner, now in the county of Carleton jail.  
Behind his retirement, according to the story of men on the hill, is considerable of a secret not altogether yet revealed. Asked about this alleged withdrawal today Mr. Proctor dictated the following statement:  
"Owing to the fact that Mr. Miller has not accepted the advice I gave him in connection with this case, I have withdrawn from it."  
Further than that Mr. Proctor would say nothing.  
NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATOR WILL VISIT THE CAPITAL.  
Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, April 24.—Col. the Hon. James Allen, minister of defence, finance and education in the New Zealand government, will be in Ottawa next week and will be the guest of local members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union of which he is a member. Mr. Allen has been in England and is on his way home.

## TWO CAPTAINS GET GOLD HEADED CANES AT MONTREAL PORT

### Harbor Commissioners Solve Question of First Steamer Arrival in Happy and Sporting Manner.

Montreal, April 24.—By the purchase of two gold headed canes, the harbor commissioners have arrived at a happy and sporting solution of the problem as to whether Captain Olsen, commander of the Dominion Coal Company's steamer, Wacousta, which arrived at this port from Louisville on Saturday night, or Captain

## WAGNER'S INJURIES SLIGHT.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—An X-ray examination of the injured knee of Wagner, the Pittsburgh National League player, disclosed nothing more than a bad bruise. Wagner, it is said, will play ball within two weeks.