

MADRID IS OPTIMISTIC.

Members of cabinet and United States' Cor. ul Have Hopes of Avoiding War.

Spain Prepares to Face Her Possibilities of Conflict Rather Than Her Humiliation.

Washington Will Finally Instruct the President Before Senate Adjourns To-Night.

Washington, April 15.—An agreement has been reached by the Senate that the Cuban question shall be taken before adjournment to-morrow night.

Havana, April 15.—It has been decided that the colonial government, with the approval of the government at Madrid, is to send Senors Miberga, Dolza and Vindi to treat with the insurgents. They will go to the insurgent camp. It is reported that they may start to-day.

Madrid, April 15.—The warlike feeling prevailing in all circles last evening has given way to a pacific disposition to-day. General Woodford and several members of the cabinet share the general belief that a way satisfactory to both governments will be found.

Madrid, April 15.—(Via Bayonne.)—The action taken by the Spanish cabinet to-day confirms the belief that war is now inevitable. The warlike line of the official note issued by the Spanish government finds general approval here and creates much excitement. Contrary to the general opinion that the Queen Regent has been negotiating for peace at any cost, her attitude to-day is reported to do with the firm action of the cabinet. It is learned on unquestionable authority that the Queen Regent recently made the following statement: "I prefer even the horrors of war rather than a tarnish on the prestige of the army or an impairment of the rights of our country."

Another factor undoubtedly is Don Carlos' manifesto of yesterday, which the following is an extract which was not passed by the cabinet: "Twenty years of patriotic retirement have proved that I am neither ambitious nor a conspirator. The greater and better my danger and I shall consider those Carlosists as serving my cause who embark in war against the United States."

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THE ARMISTICE. New York, April 14.—A despatch to the World from Madrid says: "Details and conditions of the suspension of hostilities in Cuba are being discussed. The troops will remain in their positions except that the convoys of the outposts will be permitted to force their way if the enemy attacks them it will be very vigorously repelled and paraded."

ATTITUDE OF EUROPE. London, April 15.—A dispatch from Madrid this afternoon says that Spain's note to the powers will reveal the whole Cuban question, pointing out that the trouble with the United States arises from the clamor of the sugar manufacturers, who, it is claimed, fomented and organized the entire revolution and will assert that the insurgent leaders are not Cubans, but the adventurers of all nationalities, whose sole purpose of plunder and robbery. The concessions made by Spain will be enumerated, and the note conclude by declaring that Spain, having exhausted every means of peace, is reluctantly compelled to prepare for war and fight for maintaining its right and honors.

Home, April 15.—The Populo Romano understands that the powers will intervene in favor of Spain with a naval demonstration.

London, April 15.—The foreign office does not believe the powers will make a naval demonstration. It is understood that the powers will not intervene.

The Standard says: "The steady current towards war reminds us of the course of the Niagara river above the falls. These seem to have been a few slight disturbances on the surface of the stream in the shape of something like the personal encounters in the house of representatives, but there has been no check or diminution of the strength of the current."

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NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Japanese Consul Says That His Countrymen Will Not Crowd the Yukon.

Prospecting for a Smelter Site—Political Conventions at Hand—Gaudaur and Johnson.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, April 15.—This afternoon another meeting of those who are endeavoring to arrange a professional single scull championship race between Gaudaur and Johnson was held, and the final details were brought still closer to completion. There seems to be little doubt now that the necessary \$2,500 will be guaranteed by the citizens. Other boat races may be arranged on the Inlet on the same occasion as the world's championship race, but they will be purely professional.

A well known Vancouver old timer, resident in the city since before the fire, died yesterday in the person of Mr. John Davis, a highly respected citizen.

A large scow containing 500 cases of tin belonging to the Automatic Can Co., sunk in the Fraser river last night close to the wharf in ten feet of water. Divers are trying to raise the scow. The scow was carrying a large quantity of tin.

One of the steamer Cape Otway's passengers was robbed in Vancouver today of a large quantity of jewelry and money. The robbery was committed by a party of three men who were seen to enter the steamer and to leave with the loot.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, who has just returned from England, predicts that a large number will be elected to the Yukon. He says that the Yukon is a rich country and that the Yukon is a rich country and that the Yukon is a rich country.

YAN ANDA SMELTER. The site for the Yan Anda smelter, it appears, is not yet decided on. Mr. Blewett states that his company would like to consider a location within easy reach of Vancouver. He declares that whether the Yvians and the Elliots carry out their smelter project or not, the Yan Anda scheme will be a success, as the company's own mine can with very slight extension, turn out sufficient ore to meet the needs of the smelter.

JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS. The Japanese consul, Mr. Shimezu, declares that he is naturally well pleased with the information that the Dominion authorities will not ratify the Alien Law bill, passed by the provincial legislative committee of the Yukon. He has already notified his government that it is desirable to keep within reasonable limits Japanese emigration to British Columbia in view of the comparative restricted demand for general labor in this province. Mr. Shimezu laughs heartily at the idea of industrial invasion of the Yukon by thousands of Japanese and is fully persuaded that very few indeed of his countrymen will seek for fortune in the far northern country. It is, he thinks, too cold and too costly a country to attract his countrymen in any very large numbers.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS. A convention of government supporters amongst the electors of the riding of Richmond will be held in the course of a few days, when it is expected that the name of the strong and popular candidate will be placed before the electors. Similar action is about to be taken in New Westminster and the name of a popular and eloquent young barrister who has already won his spurs in politics, is suggested, amongst others. It is understood that the opposition are meanwhile by no means harmonious as regards the selection of their candidates. The names of the candidates are distinguished by aid in the public mind. J. C. Brown for Mr. J. B. Kennedy, M.P., as the candidate. They hold that a post office official should engage in party politics.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS—World's Fair. DR. CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. First Award, London, 1883. First Award, Philadelphia, 1876. First Award, Chicago, 1893. First Award, St. Louis, 1904. First Award, London, 1905. First Award, London, 1908. First Award, London, 1911. First Award, London, 1914. First Award, London, 1917. First Award, London, 1920. First Award, London, 1923. First Award, London, 1926. First Award, London, 1929. First Award, London, 1932. First Award, London, 1935. First Award, London, 1938. First Award, London, 1941. First Award, London, 1944. First Award, London, 1947. First Award, London, 1950. First Award, London, 1953. First Award, London, 1956. First Award, London, 1959. First Award, London, 1962. First Award, London, 1965. First Award, London, 1968. First Award, London, 1971. First Award, London, 1974. First Award, London, 1977. First Award, London, 1980. First Award, London, 1983. First Award, London, 1986. First Award, London, 1989. First Award, London, 1992. First Award, London, 1995. First Award, London, 1998. First Award, London, 2001. First Award, London, 2004. First Award, London, 2007. First Award, London, 2010. First Award, London, 2013. First Award, London, 2016. First Award, London, 2019. First Award, London, 2022. First Award, London, 2025. First Award, London, 2028. First Award, London, 2031. First Award, London, 2034. First Award, London, 2037. First Award, London, 2040. First Award, London, 2043. First Award, London, 2046. First Award, London, 2049. First Award, London, 2052. First Award, London, 2055. First Award, London, 2058. First Award, London, 2061. First Award, London, 2064. First Award, London, 2067. First Award, London, 2070. First Award, London, 2073. First Award, London, 2076. First Award, London, 2079. First Award, London, 2082. First Award, London, 2085. First Award, London, 2088. First Award, London, 2091. First Award, London, 2094. First Award, London, 2097. First Award, London, 2100.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Yukon Railway Project Dropped Because of Liberal Opposition to Spending Money.

Kettle River Lobbyists Crest-Fallen—Exclusion of Aliens From Salmon Fishery.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, April 16.—The Toronto Globe, the chief government organ, to-day throws up the Yukon railway project. It says the position of the government is rendered difficult by the open hostility of many of its supporters to spending money on a Yukon railway, and suggests that the provincial government take hold of the project and grant a cash subsidy, while the Dominion could give a land subsidy.

Alex. Even left for home last night. He is understood to be on the whole favorable to the proposed new fishery regulations. The provision requiring fishermen and boat pullers to be bona fide British subjects was adopted at his earnest solicitation.

Surveyor-General Kains has been appointed one of the examiners of candidates for admission as Dominion land surveyors. Mr. Bodwell is very crestfallen at the defeat of the Kettle River bill. He has been here two months lobbying in favor of the measure.

Government business now takes precedence in the Commons every day except Monday. It is expected that there will be fifty-three vacancies in the customs outside service this year. Promotion examinations will be held on May 19, but all intending candidates must come to Ottawa.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST. Greenway's Railway Scheme Ripe—Liquor in Prohibition Town—Fire at Carberry.

Winipeg, April 15.—(Special.)—Serious floods are reported from southern Alberta owing to a sudden rise in temperature. The false work on the new railway bridge on the Crow's Nest Pass road near Lethbridge was washed away and two spans of the bridge on the G. & E. near McLeod were carried out. Four gold bricks from the Olive gold mine district reached here to-day. They are valued at \$2,800. Yesterday L. Wainstock complained to the police that between \$500 and \$900 in money had been stolen from his house. The police at Fargo arrested a man with nearly all the money in his possession. The prisoner, named Bink, will be brought to this city. D. M. Mills, of Carman, will ship 3,000 head of oxen from Winnipeg for Kootenai. The Royal Canadian Dragoons of Winnipeg, will send representatives to the military tournament to be held at Toronto in July. Three nurses of the Victorian order who have been appointed to go to the Yukon, will leave Ottawa on Monday next and will visit Winnipeg, Regina and Vancouver en route. The party reached here early on Wednesday and arrangements are being made to entertain them.

The son of Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh, rumored to have perished in the Yukon, has reached Dawson City alive and well. Winnipeg, April 16.—(Special.)—General Agent Swinford has received advices regarding seeding operations from agents of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba lines. Seeding is well in hand in all districts, and reports nearly all agree that the land will never be better conditioned for putting in seed. On the whole, there will be a large increase in the acreage under crop this year, as compared with 1897. Premier Greenway's bill to aid a competing line to Lake Superior from Winnipeg will be introduced in the legislature on Tuesday. At Carberry this morning fire broke out in the brick block owned by Mr. J. Pennie, contractor of Winnipeg, and occupied as a store by T. Pinkelstein, of Winnipeg. The building was a total loss, and is valued at about \$5,000. The stock is a total loss; it was valued at about \$10,000. W. O. Marx, of Detroit, who was injured in the C.P.R. accident at English River, has left the general hospital and gone West with his party, en route to the Yukon. Charles Herrell, druggist, of Neepawa, has been convicted on two charges of violating the liquor law, and fined \$400. Neepawa is a local option town. Friday, May 6th, will be Labor Day in Manitoba.

WESTERN ONTARIO. Suit Following London City Hall Disaster—Customs Collector Dead—Railway Fatality.

Toronto, April 16.—(Special.)—Arthur Pettit, aged 15, tried to board a moving Grand Trunk freight train at North Parkdale station. He slipped and was run over, his leg being cut off, and severe internal injuries were inflicted, which must quickly prove fatal. Protests were entered this morning against Guibord, Liberal member-elect for Russell, and Langford, Liberal member-elect for Muskoka. London, April 16.—The first writ against the city of London as a result of the City Hall accident on the night of January 3rd, has been filed by Wm. Bruce, of South London, to recover damages for the death of his son, Oswald Bruce, who was standing in the arcade when the floor collapsed, and was killed by a falling beam. Since April 16.—John Matthen, collector of customs for many years, and widely and favorably known, died this morning.

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