Lord Selborne Declares that the British Have Made no Sacrifices in China.

London, March 29.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says The greatest indifference, amounting almost to contempt, is shown here for any possible British protests against the Russo-Chinese agreement. The Novoe Vremya declares: "England will never

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The Morning Post says: "Lord Selborne's speech appears to indicate that the government is conscious of having lost the game against Russia.

The Hongkong correspondent of the Times says a brilliant ball was given to-night (Tuesday) in honor of Prince Henry of Prussia, who felictiously proposed prosperity to the colony. General Black, responding, thanked Prince Henry for his gracious words and declared that there was no reason under heaven why England and Germany should not be friends.

Yokohama, March 29.—There is still no indication of what the policy of the Japanese government is or will be in reference to Russia's action. The presumption is that the government is waiting until China shall have paid its indemnity.

THE GLOBE'S EXPLANATION, "American Lobbyists" Oredited With the Defeat of the Railway Contract Bill.

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Toronto, March 29.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says: "The full extent of the mischief done to Canadian interests in the Yukon by American lobbyists, who have worked upon the senate until they have compassed the defeat of the Yukon railway bill is becoming more apparent every day. The old time residents of the Yukon more apparent every day. The old time residents of the Yukon who reached the capital within the last few days, in an interview to day threw a rifood of light on the Livernash mission and its probable result. From the story told by these men it would appear that the Alaska Commercial Company and the prevent a railway from being built into the Yukon, especially from Canadian territory, and that if Livernash were an agent of those companies he could not do better service than he is now doing. It would appear also that the miners' delegates are flying in the face of opinion in Klondike in opposing the construction of a railway of any sort and upon any terms. Those whose views are giver are two of the best known and most respected men in the Yukon territory and their experience extends over many years." The correspondent then publishes an interview with T. W. O'Brien and Fred B. Hyde. pany have the best reasons for seeking to prevent a railway from being built into the Yukon, especially from Ganadian territory, and that if Livernash were an agent of those companies he could not do better service than he is now doing. It would appear also that the miners' delegates are flying in the face of opinion in Klondike in opposing the construction of a railway of any sort and upon any terms. Those whose views are given are two of the best known and most respected men in the Yukon territory and their experience extends over many years." The correspondent then publishes an interview tory at the head of Lynn Canal including the correspondent then publishes an interview to reason the seeking the same to day from David Minister of Justice, and the view of the debate was carried by 26 to 24. Sir Mackenzie Bowell expressed regret at Mr. Mills' action. The minister's objection was that the road is to begin in American territory. This opinion of the minister of justice, and the vote of the Senate making that declaration, must be used by the United States against Canad's contention with regard to the Alaskan boundary. Canada claimed that she owned the territory and the reason of the serious provides the support of the senate to day from David Minister of Hamilton Smith's Dalton Trail railway bill, but the adjournment of the debate was carried by 26 to 24. Sir Mackenzie Bowell expressed regret at Mr. Mills' action. The minister's objection was that the support of the senate to day from David Minister of the support of the support of the same to day of the support of the sex months' boat at minister's objection was that the adjournment of the debate was carried by 26 to 24. Sir Mackenzie Bowell expressed regret at Mr. Mills' action.

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CONGRESS AND CABINET.

Administration Proceeding Too Quietly

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Representatives.

Washington, March 29.—Congress and the cabinet are divided on the matter of the Spanish situation. In congress the feeling which began to take form after the President's conservative and pacific message on the Maine report was submitted yesterday, found open recognition to-day in resolutions proposing a declaration of war; recognition of the independence of Cuba; armed intervention and other decisive and warlike steps against Spain, and, in conferences of Republicans having for their object the overruling of the Speaker if necessary to get prompt action. Both on the floor, in the cloak rooms, in the lobbies and in the corridors, there was little else disindependence of Cuba; armed intervention and other decisive and warlike steps against Spain, and, in conferences of Republicans having for their object the overruling of the Speaker if necessary to get prompt action. Both on the floor, in the cloak rooms, in the lobbies and in the corridors, there was little else discussed than the Cuban situation and the which in the interest of humanity asked Spain for an immediate cessation of hostilities in Cuba. Upon Spain's reply to this the matter hinges. A conference was held at the presidency to-day, at which Senor Sagasta, the Premier, Senor Gullon. the Foreign Minister; Senor Morel, the Minister for the Colonies, and General Woodford were present and at which it had been hoped a decision would be reached.

"Both governments are absolutely agreed as to the desirability of a settlement," said a diplomat, but the tension is so great between the two that it would only take a little further strain to split the hawser."

London, March 29.—All the despatches of the American correspondents of the London morning papers deal to-day with

CONTEMPT FOR BRITAIN

President McKinley's difficult position in the face of a "revolt in congress" and the "attitude of the jingoes." Mr. Geo. W. Smalley cables to the Times that he believes that President McKinley holds "the key to the situation." The Daily News says: "The true test of President McKinley's influence and statesmanship will be furnished to-morrow. His message will either settle the difficulty or precipitate war.

Washington, March 29.—The revolt in the house against further delay of action on the Cuban issue culminated late this evening in a meeting of Republican members whose ideas are in accordance with a positive early course. The number present was sufficiently large by consolidation with the Democratic forces to carry out any programme decided upon. After some vigorous speeches denunciatory of Spain, it was decided to defer any radical action. Speaker Reed and President McKinley to be notified of the meeting. Important action is looked for in the house on Thursday. house on Thursday.

LILLOOET LOOKING UP.

Some Very Promising Mining Properties -The Bridge River Prospects-Glad of the Road.

Vremya declares: "England will never go beyond a protest. Her predominance in the Far East is gone forever and it will be worse for her if she fails to come to a timely agreement with Russia, France, and Germany."

Warlike preparations continue here. Considerable importance is attached to a speech of Lord Selborne, under secretary for the colonies, in this city today, in which, although he disavowed speaking as a responsible member of the government, it is believed he expressed the government, it is believed he expressed the government, it is believed he expressed for England in failing to exclude England from Khartoum.

"We should receive from any power carving out a sphere of influence in China" he said, "a confirmation and reassertion of the rights we now enjoy, and any government should make the infingement of these rights a casus bellikengland has lost nothing in China which ought to have been kept. The policy of an open door is intact. We have already obtained valuable compensations and are in a position to obtain more if we require them."

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Mackenzie and Mann Negotiating for a New Arrangement With the Government.

Minister of Justice Charged With Damaging Admission in Opposing Smith's Bill.

Eastern Conservative Press Discuss

Action of Senate and Political Situation.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Ottawa, March 31 .- Sir Wilfrid Laur ier was absent from the house to-day

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In the Commons Mr. Morrison made

an explanatory statement regarding his remarks during the debate on the Yukon bill. He said he had no intention of reflecting upon Mr. Dawson's abilities.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE. Speculators on Wall Street Badly Fooled by the Plan for a Bear Panic.

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ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION

Opened at Montreal the Earliest Date on Record—Cape Rouge Bridge Still Holds.

Montreal, March 31.—The season of navigation on the St. Lawrence opened this morning, when ferry service between this city and Longueuil was in augurated. This is the earliest date on revord, the earliest previous date being April 12, in 1892. In 1897 ferry service was not begun until May 12.

An ice bridge at Cape Rouge, near Quebec, which is always the last point to give way, is still solid.

THE GLOBE'S DISCOVERY,
Its Ottawa Correspondent Says President McKinley Has Suppressed Some Startling Information.

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Mr. Haggart here slipped in the ques-tion as to how it came to pass if the goods were Canadian that customs charkges were paid? Mr. Blair came to Mr. Bodwell's assistance and said that 90 per cent, came from Canadian sources and that the other 10 per cent, yielded the revenue mentioned

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Mr. Bodwell, continuing, devoted some

time to explaining the rates charged by the Corbin system for carrying ore and in reply to Mr. Tarte dealt some time with the question of the location of the Northport smelter. He said that poli-tics had nothing to do with it. It was simply a matter of being able to procure lime and coal conveniently for smelt-

ing purposes.
Vice-President Shaughnessy's speech was a most important one. He said it had not been the policy of the C.P.R for many years to oppose any charter, but they would not be doing justice to

Ashcroft, March 26.-(Special)-From 15 Ashcrort, March 20.—(Special)—From 15 to 20 Klondikers are arriving here every day outfitting for the Golden North, Peace River, as well as the Yukon river being their ultimate goal. The merchants are very busy, and expect a greater rush to follow.

Bill to Preserve Coasting Trade for British Vessels Introduced in Commons.

Sugar Duties May Be Reduced-So

THE VANDERBILT RAILWAYS A Readjustment of the Management to Secure Greater Unity of Ad-

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The B. C. X. Company despatch to-morow two special stages with parties to be conveyed as far as Quesnelle Mouth.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the water works and electric light contained the following statement from the office of the New York Central: To cary out the policity of greater unity of administration in the water works and electric light contained to the water work for the Klondike, and the hotels are so crowded that a large number of tents are pitched west of the town, where many are domiciled. Harper & McArthur, and water works and a large mount of the thing out of the independent of the man according to the independent of the nane word, sare adding groceries, and H. W. York Central and Hudson River railway company, which occurs on the 2xth of April: Chauncey M. Depew will reire from the presidency of the N. Y. C. and become chairman of the boards of directors of the New York Central, Lake Shore, New York, Chicago & St. Louis, and the Michigan Central. The word, sheroft is prosperous as well as the rest of British Columbia.

Quite an interested crowd is to be seen at the horse corral every day witnessing the Indians breaking in the horses from of the mountanis for the Klondikers.

The Bridge River district, near Lillooet, is attracting a large mining population, and prospectors say it will prove itself the richest part of British Columbia, and that no later than this summer.

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Sorry He Spoke.—He—There are at least a dozen women who would be glad to get me if you were to die. She—I don't doubt it. They know I've got you pretty well trained.—Indianapolis Journal.

Fuddy—"Do you really think that Baskers cares much about his wife? Duddy—Cares for her? He dotes on her. Scores of times I've known him to make faces for his wife when she had to take nasty medicine."—Boston Transcript.

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