

Sir Charles' Precaution

Wants to See Redistribution Before Too Late for Effective Opposition.

Mr. Foster Scores Government for Sacrifice of Every Principle.

The British Charter for Dawson Cable—No Alaskan Arrangement.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 4.—In the house this afternoon Sir Charles Tupper said that on this, the fifth day of the session, the time had come when the progress of business would be greatly promoted by promptly laying on the table of the house the redistribution bill on the table of the house. (Opposition cheers). "The Premier," he continued, "will see that on this side of the house would fail in our duty if we permitted the progress of public business and allowed a measure of that importance to be brought down in the last days of the session." (Opposition cheers).

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"I quite understand the hint given by my honorable colleague, and I am happy to tell him that the character of the measure we shall introduce with regard to redistribution will be such that there will be no cause whatever for objection."

Sir Charles Tupper—"And consequently no cause why it should not be promptly laid upon the table." (Opposition cheers).

Budget Debate. The feature of the budget debate today was a magnificent speech by Mr. Foster, who for two and a half hours had the government upon tenterhooks while he scathingly reviewed their course. He dealt with the question of expenditure and showed how the totals had run it up until this year it would average \$8 per head. While the Conservatives were in power their deficits totalled \$39,000,000; their deficits \$16,000,000. Under Liberal rule the deficits far exceeded the surpluses. He commended the policy of the preferential tariff, which had led to increased imports from the States and decreased purchases from Great Britain.

He charged the government with having succeeded in three years in performing as near as possible the exact opposite of what the minister had promised when he contracted to perform. They promised to reduce taxation, and increased it. They promised to reduce the expenditure and the debt, and had increased them. They were to destroy the national policy, and had given it new life. They were to raise the tone and character of the country, and had brought it lower than ever before. They were to introduce an era of public purity, and had continually offered bribes, not only to the electors but to the members of the House, and had introduced a policy of Canadianism in that respect.

In closing he congratulated the government upon having accepted the principle of protection. He adopted a policy of Canadianism in that respect. Sir Richard Cartwright went into a long and interesting explanation of the proposed expenditure of the government. He admitted certain increases, but declared that if the opposition did not vote against these appropriations they had no right to condemn them. He admitted that the tariff was not perfect, but held that it was better than the old one. He denied that the British preference was a delusion. The rate of duty under Cartwright's old tariff was 19 per cent, but if he could have had his way he would have imposed the same duty on British goods as now levied. He held forward a larger immigration and steady and healthy progress of the country.

Sir Charles Tupper speaks to-morrow.

Telegraph to Dawson. Col. Pines was asked by representatives now in Ottawa of the Northern Commercial Telegraph Co. have communicated to the government their readiness to commence forthwith the construction of a telegraph line from Skagway to Dawson under the charter granted last session, and whether the government was expecting any information from the High Commissioner that the company is quite capable of carrying out the work.

Minor Notes. Mr. Sifton told Mr. Gilmour that the government would propose to assist people from Eastern Canada to come to settle in the Northwest, either financially or otherwise.

The Premier announced that the government have no advice of a modus vivendi being reached between Great Britain and the United States on the subject of the Alaskan boundary. Referring to anti-Japanese legislation Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the government are expecting a despatch from the Imperial authorities.

Sir Henri Joly gives notice of bills to amend the petroleum inspection act, and the weights and measures act.

Mr. Robertson wants the government to give Fenian raid service medals to Canadian volunteers who organized in Chicago.

Dr. Montague is back from the Coast, further impressed with the progress of British Columbia.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS. To Deal With Important Questions That Cannot Wait Until December.

Washington, May 4.—There is a growing belief among the prominent members of congress that the President will call congress to meet in extraordinary session this fall, probably early in October. The questions which will come before the next congress for settlement, including as they do everything growing out of the possessions acquired as a result of the war with Spain, and general legislative reform, that relating to currency, the Nicaragua canal, the merchant marine, etc., are of such great importance that the President is inclined to regard it as advisable that congress should meet earlier than the regular session in December.

SPANISH CREDITORS.

French Government Protests Against Reduction of Interest Payments.

Madrid, May 4.—The French government has indicated to the cabinet here that it would regret to see the exterior debt of Spain taxed, or the rate of interest reduced, inasmuch as Spanish stocks are mostly held by Frenchmen. Such a measure would be calculated to hinder Spain's negotiations in the financial market, should she again need assistance.

This communication is due to repeated reports that Spain had in contemplation such a step, which have caused much anxiety to Spain's foreign creditors.

NO CORSETS IN SCHOOLS.

Minister of Education Agitates Feminine Population of Saxony.

Dresden, May 4.—The minister of education of Saxony, Dr. Deseydowitz, has stirred up a hornet's nest in the feminine world by the issuance of a decree yesterday, whereby all girls and young women attending the public schools and colleges in Saxony must abandon the practice of wearing corsets at school.

The wearing of corsets by girls of tender age and the habit of tight lacing have become an epidemic, particularly in Dresden, that the state foresees in the corset a grave menace to the well-being of posterity. Although the girls did their best to protest against the measure and even threaten to boycott the schools, the officials stand firm.

GRAIN HANDLERS

TIE UP LAKE FLEET

Three Thousand Men at Buffalo Resist a Reduction in Their Wages.

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, May 4.—Unless the trouble that has existed for the past ten days between the contractors and grain shovellers of this port is settled by noon to-morrow, it is said that the entire commerce of the Great Lakes will be tied up. Already there are between fifty and sixty Great Lake vessels lying in the harbor here loaded with grain, and men cannot be had to unload them.

By to-morrow noon it is expected that fully 7,000,000 bushels of head-over grain will be in the harbor and this amount will be added to hourly. Ocean vessels are being held at New York and other Atlantic coast points for cargoes and claims for demurrage are being made on all sides.

The trouble began when the contractors for unloading grain at this port announced that instead of paying the men \$1.25 per 1,000 bushels, as in the past, they would be paid 25 cents an hour. This, the men claimed, was equivalent to a 25 per cent. reduction and they refused to go to work. It requires from 2,500 to 3,000 men to unload a ship, and they have not been able to secure more than 200 men to work for them matters on the docks are about at a standstill.

To-day the package freight haulers to the number of 750 refused to work unless the shovellers' grievances had been remedied, and several large freight boats are lying at the docks waiting to be unloaded. A meeting of all the strikers was held and it was announced that unless a settlement was reached by noon to-morrow, all of the grain and freight would be sent to the coast.

The strikers say that now the movement has fairly started they will return to work until the contractor or middleman has been eliminated and they will then negotiate with the carriers' association or the owners of vessels.

It is believed that the grain blockade here will have the effect of diverting considerable traffic to the Canadian canal route. Owners of boats now lying in the harbor say that they are losing fully \$200 a day each as a result of the tie-up.

IRON MASK SUIT.

Court Order as to Huge Costs of Adjudgment Yet to Be Settled.

Rosland, May 4.—In the Iron Mask and Centre Star case, the evidence of Dr. Raymond was concluded to-day and the court adjourned sine die.

The court's order directing the adjournment and directing the question of costs incurred by the same will be settled by Mr. Justice Walker. Many of the expert witnesses and the counsel engaged in the case left town to-day.

ATLINA'S WEALTH ENORMOUS.

Americans Place Huge Values on Profits They Thought to Reap in British Columbia.

Seattle, May 4.—According to Alaska advice, a syndicate of 86 aliens, excluded from Atlin, has been formed to bring suit against the Canadian government for \$18,000,000. Damages are claimed for property loss by exclusion of plaintiffs from the mining district. Each alien claims \$175,000 damages on a fair estimate of the profits he would have gained by development of his property.

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Carpenters Are in Luck.

Vancouver's Demand Makes Other Artisans Take Up Saw and Hammer.

Fast Connection With Victoria Welcomed—C. N. Davidson Severely Hurt.

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An attempt is being made to induce the carpenters generally to join the union, without complete success. Of the 500 carpenters in the city, it is said comparatively few are skilled workmen, and the building boom having inspired many of them with the idea of many other callings to turn their hand to carpenter work.

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Rounding Up The Rebels

Americans Stop Talking Peace and Take Steps to Hasten It.

Plan to Prevent Escape of Insurgents to the Mountains.

Hot Pursuit From Two Directions and Much Shedding of Blood.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 4.—The war department is satisfied from the despatches received from Gen. Otis to-day, that the American commander has put aside the insurgent temporizing over peace and has turned his attention to most aggressive tactics. The wisdom of this course was fully approved by officials here who have foreseen that the rebels need further chastisement in order to bring them to a realistic sense of their position. The early despatches from Gen. Otis clearly defined the general plan of his latest move. He is moving in two columns, Major-General MacArthur pushing straight forward over a nine-mile stretch of country between Calumpit and the latest rebel stronghold, San Fernando, and Major-General Lawton directing a strong force under Col. Sumner, to prevent the insurgents from retreating from San Fernando into the mountains to the north.

The later despatches showed that had been not won in the recent operations, particularly so in Gen. MacArthur's advance on San Fernando. The defeat of Luna at St. Thomas and the scattering of the insurgents were, according to Gen. Otis' plans. The taking of towns is no longer looked on by the authorities here as of chief moment; the main consideration is to intercept the insurgents. Gen. Lawton moved northward to-day to Massin and between them and their line of retreat to the mountains. A successful execution of this move will leave the insurgents along which the rebels are retreating.

If the rebels do succeed in getting into the mountains the war department believes they cannot be shipped to the United States, as the mountain localities afford much less opportunity for sustenance. The rugged lands along the foot hills and bottoms.

ROUGH EXPERIENCES.

News Received From the Miners in Copper River and Cook Inlet Districts.

Seattle, May 2.—(Special)—The steamer Excelsior, Capt. Downing, of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company's big fleet, is again on her way to the coast, having come into port with nearly \$50,000 in Alaskan gold.

There was one shipment of \$40,000 from the Alaska Commercial Company, the mine is on an island of the same name, and the gold was brought to Ora by a small steamer. There were several shipments of Cook Inlet gold. A small amount from Copper River was sent out, and the balance of the gold was sent to the coast.

News reached us from Yakutat Bay that a mad stampede to get out of the country was being participated in by 50 miners. Their provisions had been stolen by the Indians, and starvation was staring them in the face. Some had started for Dawson, daring to face the dangers of a trackless interior, but they were stopped by a terrible Yukutat glacier. The Dawson-bound party have not been heard from since they started, and grave fears for their safety were entertained.

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There is great distrust employed at Dawson in the United States, eventually have to be sent back to the States not due to the fact that Klondike, but the class of people for Alaska to the fact that the laborers were too greedy. Enough is known to Alaska to the fact that the \$20,000,000 yearly to of gold, and that the of the Klondike will flourish on account of in the Klondike.

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Fifty Porters Killed by Marauding Tribesmen in Africa.

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