MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1898. A WORD OF CAUTION.

The Colonist.

carry. Nothing is much more certain pinses. all be subject to seizure by Spanish prigar to go to pieces until at present it in-vateers and the United States is not in a position to send convoys with them.

The effect of this must be to divert travel North to British bottoms an hence, under the navigation laws of th United States, to Canadian seaports Even if privateering is not resorted to the temptation to Spain to send a few armed vessels to prey upon the som merce of the North Pacific will be in resistible. This is a matter which per sons bringing treasure from the North and others who intend to so North with outfits and general stocks of merchandise would do well to keep in mind There, are chances enough to be taken ashore, without running any needless risks at the hands of an enemy at sea.

THAT INSULT TO VICTORIA.

The more the News-Advertiser's gratuitous insult to the voters of Wictoria is analyzed, the more infamous it appears. Most of us know the class of men who will go to Cassiar. They are honest working men. A "hoodium" is a man who has been in gaol or ought to be there. There are very few such men on the Victoria electoral list. We assume that Victoria has no monopoly of the voters who will seek the Cassiar in seasch of employment. Railway building will be in progress there; mining will be in full swing; there will be work for a good many people from this city, ion of the News-Advertiser all these people are either gaol-binds or ought to be. In the opinion of that paper, these people are unworthy of the rights of something about the class of people who will go to the Cassiar to seek for employment, and whose franchise the govrnment asks the legislature to prethat it prefers their conception of pa-triotism, their ideas of good citizenship would be premature, and would only be government, while permitting the largest and their attitude towards the best in terests of the province to those of which We are not surprised to see the Vancou-

Our morning contemporary goes far afield in the statement made by it that "THREE HUNDRED HOODLUMS afield in the satement MODLUMS hired in Victoria, for two weeks, and sent to Cassiar can realize the influence in the election of three thousand voters in Kootenay or Yale." Now, when it is remembered that none but those duly qualified can vote in Cassiar or anywhere else in the province at the forthcoming election this disgraceful language will be resented and it is to be hoped awary breadwinner will bear in remembers.

Changes would be necessary before the house, clected under the new bill, expires. Applying these observations to the proposed Coast-Teslin railway, it being admitted by the very large majority of the future progress of the province than admitted by the very large majority of the members of the legislature that the would be very bad policy to greatly disvibed by the very large majority. The United States will send out its fast-extent to look out for the approaching admitted by the very large majority of the members of the legislature that they have done so, they will nove upon Key West and doubtless views of the government as to how it can be be be secured ought to be accepted by portant point. On the other hands it is will be resented and it is to be nopeu-every breadwinner will bear in remem-berance the gross insult which Mr. Cot-ton has tendened them by calling such as have to go North to earn a living. Hoodlums being anable to wote here, in Victoria, or elsewhere in the southern portion of the province, in the far North provision is to be made for their exercisprovision is to be made for their exercising their franchise where they will be at
work. From this city, as we are fully
aware, many are going up in quest of
employment. These are the class of
men Mr. Cotton has now the audacity
to stigmatize as hoodlums. Workingmen of Vancouver, what do you think of
this from a person who pretends to be
your friend? Verily, what humbugs, ingrates and charlatons some neonle ungrates and charlatans some people un-consciously prove themselves to be!

The Rev. H. H. Haweis and some oth ers are more or less firmly convinced that human events have a curious way of running in cycles of four centuries each approximately. This notion receives a species of confirmation from the history of Spain. Thus we find that in the century preceding the present era the Romans were overrunning the Iberian peniasula and subduing it. Four centuries later the Vandals, the Suevi and other races from Central Europe swept down upon at and wiped out the last vestige of Roman dominion. In the eighth century the Saracens came over from Africa and established themselves. In the twelfth century the Mohammedan occupation of the peninsula was ended. Four centuries later, that is in the sixteenth century, Spain was at the height of her glory. Nearly four centuries more have rolled away, the twentieth is about to dawn, and we find Spain enter- balance act. ing upon what is almost certain to be an epoch-making struggle. In the intervals between the above dates the people of City, says the public must be prepared the Iberian kingdom passed through for disappointments when the gold many vicissitudes; but speaking in a comes out in the spring. He does not general way, the history of the country think there will be a great shipment on since B.C. 100 may be divided into five any one vessel, but that the yellow epochs of four hundred years each: The metal will "dribble" out all summer. A

od and the Spanish or modern period. While there is much about the history of this nation that is glorious, there is Some of the French papers are very more that is dishonorable. It cannot furious because Great Britain is friendbe said that civilization owes much to ly to the United States during the pres-

characterized the conquest of Mexico the untold cruelties practised towards. France bore for their country. the atrocities perpetrated against de-The Seattle papers say that there will fenceless people everywhere by Spanish the Yukon. If the war goes on, it will far more than counterbalances anything be just as well for shippers of gold to that can be set down to the credit of the be careful what flag the bullion ships country as its contribution to human hap-

then that every steamer flying the flag As a founder of colonies Spain has had of the United States will be overhauled a phenomenal career, but as a retainer of by Spanish vessels between St. Michael's themn she is conspicuous for failures. and the Coast ports. Indeed it is safe There was a time when Spain claimed to conclude that every steamer will be and the Pope recognized her claim to to conclude that every steamer will be half the world, outside of Europe and carry and will only be released on production of her papers showing that she is not a United States bottom. The of any contemporary nation, Russia same observation will apply to steamers perhaps excepted. Her flag waved over going North to Lynn Canal. Those that portions of all the continents except fly the American flag will be safe in the ny the American nag will be said in the Atlantic Coast of Florida, but when they pass above Dixon's En-but when they pass above Dixon's En-Pacific, reaching northward an undetrance they may meet trouble at any point, if Spain sends out privateers. The point, if Spain sends out privateers. The Behring sea steamers, of which there is tended up the Atlantic Coast of South likely to be a considerable fleet sailing America to the southern border of Bralikely to be a considerante from the Sound and San Francisco, will from the Sound and San Francisco, will about the year 1820 her empire be-

11	ions is as follows:
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ion is as follows:

Total 27:261.632 The great region described as Rio de Oro and Advar forms the western pontion of the Sahara and borders on the Atlantic. It is not of very great value and its occupation by Spain is subject to a claim by; France.

The only outlying parts of the Spanish from a hostile gower are Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands and the Canaries, with possibly Fernando Po-The Philippines ander a strong and proous regions of the world. Japan is said to look upon them with envious eyes. They would form a very nice addition to Vancouver and elsewhere. In the opineral partition of Spanish territory taking

Mr. Semlin's objection to the redistricitizenship. The Colonist daims to know bution bill was founded principally upon the fact that it is temporary in its character. The government will scarcely dividual member of the house should fear criticism on the ground. A measure, that would take up the province as a serve, and it has no hesitation in saying whole, recast all the constituencies and ganized action, and the legislature would temporary, no matter how radical the changes might be. The present measure discussion, of principles, very wisely cannot properly be called a redistribuleaves the manner in which those principles. tion. It was not intended as such. It c.ples shall be worked out to the govver World taking the matter up and is avowedly only an attempt to meet ernment of the day. Hence we see that characterizing the insult as it deserves. What seem to be the wants of the prov- in the Canadian and Imperial parliaince at this particular time. The Attor- ments, when once a line of action has ney-General said in opening the discus- been decided upon, the details are left sion yesterday that he expected other in the hands of the ministry, who have changes would be necessary before the means of obtaining information not aof the hour the government has shown a all members who favor the project.

> bring the correspondence down. The one is charged with the responsibility motion was defeated, but, as Dr. Walford details, and consequently the statute for details, and consequently the statute kem said, it was discourteous in the op- books of that country are filled with statesment and thus put members in the the American system "log-rolling" legisposition of refusing to allow papers to be lation is a prominent feature. Under the brought down. An evil influence had British system of responsible governthis session being robbing the opposition ment a ministry stands charged with the of its old time courtesy. Last session full responsibility for details and hence the attention of this influence was taken up by an effort to do a great political

Mr. Charles Meadows, of Dawson Roman period, the Gothic period, the large amount will not come out at all, Moorish period, the Castile-Aragon peri- as it is needed in the country for business purposes.

Spain. The frightful brutality which ent crisis. A couple of years ago the

United States papers were falling over ons of Central America were annihilated, their appreciation of the love which

The war has begun with the capture of a Spanish timber-laden ship by a ation of a candidate to represent North United States cruiser. This capture is Yale in the next house. The meeting Michael's to bring back the treasure of the world has no parallel, and one that a direct act of war and seems rather an was attended by a large and representaundignified sort of proceeding as a be- | tive number of the voters of the district,

An invasion of Cuba by the United States army at this season of the year is a risky experiment. "Yellow Jack" is an enemy more to be dreaded than

THE BAILWAY TO THE NORTH.

The only place where we have observed. apy. disposition to treat the proposed pailway from the British Columbia coast o Teslin lake as a party question is among a certain few of the opposition and does hereby (while deprecating and cendemning the maliciou attempts made to injure his reputation by interested parties): accord him the hearty support of the members of this convention, and an assurance of its confidence in him to of Mr. Speaker are desirous of defeating the project. The aim of those who are hostile to any and every plan that is suggested, is simply to embarras the government. So long as they are able to the control of the members of this convention, and an assurance of its confidence in him to represent this electrorate at the coming elections; and be it further resolved that this meeting pledges itself to use all legitimate means to secure the return of the Hon. G. B. Martin.

We think this resolution will receive among a certain few of the opposition rnment. So long as they are able to sambits inntheir political chess-play.

h.s better judgment and is one that he have no cause to apologize for it. would have fallen in with, if he were not this session under a baneful influence. There has been abundant evidence since the Colonist made this appeal to the loyalty of the opposition to British Co-

political one, but as simply a business

proposition of the first magnitude. We hope to see the house nearly unani mous on any proposition which the gov ernment may submit. We would be the last to say to members that they ought to surrender their individual judgment to any political leader; but there are times when it is not only justifiable for members to do this, but their bounden duty On all large propositions, involving difficult details, the views of private members ought to be subordinated to those who are charged with the responsibility of directing legislation and this applies o those in opposition as well as to those who are usually in support of the government. A little consideration will insist that his particular ideas should be adopted, there would be an end to orbccome simply a mob. Our system of amount of individual freedom on the

thorough appreciation of its duty to the There may be differences of opinion as to the right way to get at the desired result. We suppose it would be impossible The local opposition were very eager to suggest any proposition of this nature each fleet will be to avoid meeting the to get on record vesterday as making upon the details of which thirty three into get on record yesterday as making upon the details of which thirty three in-a demand for any correspondence which celligent gentlemen would be fully in acthe government may have had with the cord. But it is very clear that if each United States to attempt to stop the Dominion government, Mackenzie & one insisted that his particular plans Mann or any one else in regard to the should be adopted, a satisfactory result equally unwise for the latter to risk an Stikine-Teslin railway project. Mr. Sem- would be out of the question. The inlin gave notice of a resolution, which tentions of the Dominion government, did not suit himself and so he amended the views of possible contractors, the it. The Premier told him that it was condition of the money market and varinot in the public interest to bring the ous other matters, some of a public and set, for if any serious damage is done to correspondence down. Then Mr. Sword others of a business nature, which canmoved to amend the resolution so as to not very well be disclosed, may influmake it cover only the correspondence ence government in deciding that the antecedent to the defeat of the contract details of legislation in the nature of a by the Senate. Again the Premier told contract shall be framed in a particular New York on account of a dispatch anthe house that it was not desirable in way. No matter of whom the ministry the public interest to produce this. In most may consist, this will always be the legislatures such an assurance would case. In British politics the individual have been accepted, but the local oppo- members are responsible for the principle sition, being nothing but a captious com- of measures; the government is responsbination, declined to accept the Premier's lible for details. The contrary system assurance and sought to compel him to prevails in the United States, where no

position not to accept the Premier's crude and dangerous legislation. Under we have better measures.

We think these views, will commend themselves to the majo rity of the members on both sides of f ne house, and that whatever measure the government may submit, to meet which is now recognized as an all but universal demand for a as an all but un versal demand for a railway to the N orth, will be passed by such a substar stial majority that the Dominion gove rnment will have no excase for a conclicy of ina

There is to be no privateering during the war now begun. This does not mean ve

The Kamloops Sentinel contains a full report of the proceedings at a meeting of the supporters of the provincial gov ernment held in that town for the nomin and after passing a vote pledging those present to the support of Hon. Mr. Turner and his ministry, adopted the follow ing resolution:

ing resolution:

That this meeting thoroughly appreciates and endorses the action of the Hon. G. B. Martin in his conduct of public affairs, both in this riding and throughout the province, and considers that it is to the interests of this community to do all in its power to retain the services of a cabinet minister who, besides dealing so generously with his constituents, has shown his-ability to conduct the affairs of his department so satisfactorily, and does hereby (while deprecating and cendemning the maliciou attempts made

We think this resolution will receive do this, their purposes will be served the hearty endorsement of all persons perfectly. Experience has shown them who are familiar with the manner in that their opposition does not in the end which the lands and works department retard any public project and they achas been administered by Mr. Martin. cordingly feel at liberty to use the most He has been burdened with weighty reproportant interests of the province as sponsibilities, but has discharged them in a manner that reflects the highest credit When the Colonist first directed public upon him. With great expenditures unattention to this matter it called upon derihis control and the management of the the leader of the opposition to leave par- whole public domain in his hands, not a tizanship out of the question for this one word of scandal has been uttered against occasion and unite with the government him. Moreover the department has in passing a measure that will meet the been well administered from a business very urgent emergency that presents it point of view. It is the habit of Mr. self. Mr. Semlin has not as yet Martin's opponents to assail him with seen fit to adopt this suggestion, all manner of abuse, but his record will which we think must commend itself to stand the closest inspection. His friends

News will come thick and fast now and meaders must be on their guard against false reports. Nearly everything and while the leading papers will not withhold important news, no matter will be colored to suit the hopes of the people of the United States.

The most interesting item of news far is that relating to the Spanish fleet. t has not met sailed and its destination when it does move is problematical. Nat urally this causes a great deal of uneasi

The plans of the United States neces sarily take the form of a move on Cuba To make this effective, practically the leaves the whole coast undefended, except by a few very inadequate land batteries. Spain is thus left in a position to select her point of attack. Some day soon, the fleet now at Cape Verde will set out across the Atlantic. Its destina-States. If it is New York, it will be practically impossible to get the fleet up from Cuba in time to intercept it, becruisers cannot be ascertained in time, from Cape Verde to be made public. The opportunity will thus be afforded for the exercise of the highest skill. The Spanish fleet will steam across the Atblockading squadron remains where it is, the Spanish admiral can select a point of attack along the Atlantic coast as best suits his purposes. The true policy other unless able to administer a crushing blow. It would be rank folly for the Spaniards with an inferior force, and encounter with a superior one. The two navies are so well balanced that neither can afford to allow the other to gain the least advantage at the outone, without a counterbalancing injury to the other, the side which suffers the

loss will be at once outclassed. The dispatches speak of a panic in nouncing that that and other coast cities will be bombarded. This looks as if t'ne people in the East were just awake ning to the fact that war is a serious business. Hitherto they have allowed themselves to be carried away by exalted notions of the great prow ess of their country, and have not stor ped to thirk that the enemy might no c fight just according to the rules la .id down in the newspapers.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Edith—Se Kitt, Adams has captu red that Bonanza King. Helen—Yes, he called her his j ewel, and she intimated that she expected a gold set-ting.—Harleyn Life.

"What's the matter, d ear?"

tar tial majority that the "Things are in such an unsettled state that I scarcely know what advice to give my country in my graduation essay."—

with the title that the an unsettled state that I scarcely know what advice to give my country in my graduation essay."—

Washington Star.

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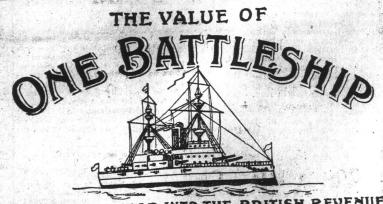
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Washington, April

Washington are re that the nations as to assume an attitu ity as between the bassies and legations inform the governm were accredited tha since April 21.
Great Britain has a here in the terms of issued in London. officials are disposed that strict adherence to these rules will be to the United States ticularly as the Unit operating in the nava her own base of suppliability soon will cut few bases she now ha hood of Cuba.

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An opinion prevails Ventura, the first prize no prize. The case whose seizure was re more complicated, owin while otherwise exem reported to have conta the Spanish army in contraband. However, that while the settleme tions will be left to firministration believes the ality should be shown of the laws where a veband or attempting to ade.

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ed, even boys of 14 y in. Large numbers o joined the insurgents a THE SPANISI London, April 25.—A from St. Vincent, Car dated Monday, says: ish fleet has been forbioeuvring, target prac whatever is proceedin have been painted black is granted. The cruis day coaling. "All the sin St. Vincent have he supply the squadron vessels are laid under the bay is busy with launce."

bay is busy with launc rying stores and the illuminated all night w lights and signals. men-of-war are here a code is staying until the The Portuguese cons Spanish fleet very str that Spain will be vice mencement, but that will eventually triump The Spanish torped according to a dispat Mail from Buenos Ay awaiting orders.
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Washington, April 26
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HAWAII EXPECTI Honolulu, April 19.— co, April 26.)—The Har this to say regarding story: "While the ru these islands by the U

these islands by the U coaling station, which 'coaling station, which 'the 'Star,' has not take those who believe that and that at no distant pected that those hi would scout the idea, to confess to such state the flag has not been not signify anything. something significant, fact that an officer of ship Bennington went a few days ago and triber of American flags. getting one large one f said he would take a if he could get them. Vorder could be filled quicisco he replied that h flags at once and could