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## PREPARAT The Senate Reading & WAR

Russia Making Extraordinary Expenditure in the Construction of Warships.

British Naval Appropriation the Largest in the History of the Empire-Forty-Eight Million Pounds Set Apart for Army and Navy Strengthening-A Moderate-Toned But Sturdy and Significant Article in The London Times-British Forbearance Has About Reached the Limit.

London, March 10 .- The issuance of the Imperial Ukase ordering the extraardinary expenditure of 90,000,000 roubles for the construction of Russian warships marks the third great stride in preparation for war this week. This, together with the British and American votes of money for purposes of defence, means that these powers have assigned the aggregate sum of \$240,000,000 for naval armament since Monday. The total naval appropriation for the year by the British Government, £23,778,000, has never been exceeded. The nearest approach to that amount was in 1814, when £23,504,000 was appropriated for the

Adding this year's naval appropriation to the army estimates makes over 648,000,000 to be expended on British defences for the year, exclusive of the unts to be spent on the Indian army and the armies of the self-governing

The naval estimates include money for making great extensions of the docks at Gibraltar, Portland and Dover, and show that surveys are in progress for works at Bermuda, Jamaica, the Island of Mauritius and the Cape of Good

### STURDY WORDS OF THE THUNDERER

Britain Will Exhaust Diplomacy in Efforts of Peace, But Will Not Surrender a Single Right.

London, March 10.-The Times regards

diplomatic means may be employed to avert the fill-considered action on the part of our rivals. If delay of any duration has been actually procured, Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Minister, may be relied upon to make the most of it in the interest of peace.

"In other respects the position in China seems as far from improvement as the position in West Africa. If the report from St. Petersburg that Russia will decline to give Great Britain the information she has asked is accurate, the nation cannot be blamed should they put the worst possible construction on the refusal. Those most familiar with public opinion throughout the ceuntry will be the first to recognize that the present temper of the people is not to be trified with.

"At no time since the Crimean War, not even at the moment when the special squadron was organized in January, 1836, have they been less disposed to brook infringements from any quarter on their justice of their cause and the magnitude of the first cause in either region, and if such duty should be thrown upon them, by the bilindness or perversity of others, they will not flinch from it. We do not make this assertion in any spirit of bravado, or from any desire to rouse the warlike feeling of the country, We make it in the true interests of peace, because the greatest menace to peace lies in the danger that our rivals may fall to believe that we are in earnest until it is too late.

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"Foreigners do not appear to realize the business view we take of war, as of other matters, where our business interests are concerned. Our conduct is regulated mainty by business considerations. If the prejudice done us is slight we may resent it, and yet pass it over rather than face serrous losses, which, as we well know, war must at the best involve to our trade, but if the prejudice done or threatened is very grave and irreparable, we are ready, of the two great evils, to choose war as the lesser.

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Expended in Their Construction-Money on Hand.

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## FOSTER ON YUKON BILL

Government Raked in Right Hot Style by the Eloquent Ex-Minister.

Contract With McKenzie and Mann Was Put Through With Too Much of a Rush-The Duplicity of the Government Shown Up in Trenchant Style-How the Contractors Will Make Money Out of the Road in Tolls-The Opposition, However, Will Do Their Utmost to Protect the People.

Ottawa, Ont., March 11.—(Special.)—
It looks as if the first division of the session will take place during the wee sma' hours of this morning. Mr. Foster has spoken on the Yukon railway bill, his address being a masterly exposure of the Government's mismanagement. Sir Charles Tupper is speaking at this hour (2 a.m.) in a maner to commend admiration of friend and oppenent. Sir Mr. The Government talked of their "alk."

Assk Mr. Sifton to day if it were true that 300 miles of sleigh road, with shelters at every 25 miles, was provided, as stipulated in this contract, with its half million dollars of forfeit?

The Minister of Interior was wiser to-day in his silence, and he had not a word to utter. And from that Mr. Foster went on to point out that, after publishing to the world that this was to be a wagon road from the Stikine to Teslin, the Government admiration of friend and oppenent. Sir admiration of friend and oppenent. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will likely follow him.

GOVERNMENT ROASTED.

Biting Way on the Yukon Rail-

way Contract, Mr. Foster arose, amidst enthusiastic applause from the Opposition, to continue the debate on the Yukon Railway bill. He pointed out the inconsistency of the two statements that the contractors were that there would be millions of trade done that there would be mailtons of trade double over the road they were going to build. First, the House was not discussing a question of patriotism, either absolute or relative. But it was amusing to see the Government supporters climbing into their new clothes of patriotism, after years speat in clothing themselves with the tatters of every flag in the world. The House could discuss and settle the question without taking opposite sides on the policy of preserving the rights of Canada, although it was a pretty sharp turn for some hongentlemen opposite. The Conservative party would never consent to yield one jot or tittle of her rights on either side of the continent at the dictation of an outside power. But the simple question was, what was the best route, both as to those going to the yukon and as to the source of supply, and its disposition geographically with relation to the Yukon country; then, how we may best obtain the celected route?

There had been too much rush and stampede about this matter, because the legisation before the House was such as would affect the Dominion for many a year.

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The War CLOUDS.

After the great outburst of feeling over the voting by Congress of \$50,000.000 for defence purposes, there is a sort of calm across the line, and yesterday's dependent of the direction of the principle that can support weal that instance, as well as the principle that be made to the country. Would any member say we no longer had any use in the formation of a large trust in the line of the principle that the framediles of the country would any member say we no longer had any use in the country to the country would any member say we no longer had any use the formation of a large trust in the line of the principle that the framediles of the principle that the fram

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DEPUTATIONS AT OTTAWA.

Montreal, March 10 .- (Special.) -- Some time ago an Englishman named Davis spent a week or two in Montreal en route for the Klondike. He had a good deal of money and spent a large sum for supplies, having also amongst his possessions no less than sixty dogs. To-day a despatch was received here by a friend, stating that Davis' mind had gone wrong, and the poor man had been brought back to Vancouver.

CRASH ON THE C. P. R.

Two Freight Trains Came Together Neas

Merrickville-Much Property Destroyed. east of this station, which resulted in the destruction of two engines and six teen cars. All hands jumped and escaped injury. It will be some hours before the road can be cleared. The collision is between two freight trains on the C.P.-R., and the accident seems due to a misunderstanding of orders given at Smith Falls.

On Wednesday night Archie Webster was enticed into a Duchess-street lane by two men, and was assaulted and robbed of \$2.85, a knife and some car tickets. Last night Detective Cuddy arrested John Shields, 98 Sherbournestreet, and P. C. Wallace (76) arrested Mike Mandible. Both the prisoners are Police Court customers and they are charged with highway robbery.

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