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United States Naval Officers Are Inclined to Discredit the Whole Story

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Rich Prize Captured. Key West, April 28.—(8 a.m.)—The large Spanish steamer Guido, from Coruna (at Havana) with a cargo of provisions, money and Spanish troops, was captured early this morning by the United States monitor Terror.

Confidence in Madrid. Madrid, April 28.—(8 a.m.)—The perfidious confidence which appears to be felt here at the outbreak of the war is refuted by El Liberal, which, contrasting Spanish calm and American exultation.

London, April 28.—The trend of British sentiment is becoming so pronounced that the majority in parliament are not now Spanish sympathizers, although a week ago they were practically unanimous.

The expected fight off Manila is awaited in England with the greatest interest.

Portugal Aiding Spain. Lisbon, April 28.—The Official Gazette announces that the Portuguese government has stopped the dispatch of telegraphic information regarding the movements of warships on the seaboard.

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DOMINION HOUSE.

Plebiscite Bill Read a First Time After a Full Explanation by Mr. Fisher.

The Issue To Be the Single One of Complete Prohibition in Canada.

Probable That the Question Will Be Voted Upon During the Coming Autumn.

Ottawa, April 22.—The proceedings of parliament were marked yesterday by the long-looked-for plebiscite bill, which was introduced by Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Fisher, and which was read the first time after the usual routine.

In moving the first reading and for leave to introduce a bill "respecting the prohibition of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors," Mr. Fisher said: "I am very glad, Mr. Speaker, to give an explanation of the purpose of the bill."

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Clause 11 provides for these representatives being duly constituted by written authority from any authorized or known body of electors who may wish to be represented at the poll.

Clause 12 provides that in case no such person with any authority comes to represent on one side or the other, as in the Dominion election act, when there is no representative of a candidate, for the calling upon any elector present to come and act in reference to the counting up of the ballots and for the conduct of the election.

Clause 13 provides what shall be done in the presence of those representatives who are duly appointed by any particular organization.

Clause 14 describes the way in which the ballot paper shall be marked, and just in the way I have already described.

Clause 15 provides that after summing up the votes provided in the Dominion election act, the returning officer shall declare the total number of votes voting for the affirmative and the negative with respect to the question asked, and clause 16 provides for the returns to be made in practically the same way as returns have come by a summary returning officers and returning officers of each electoral division under the Dominion election act; they being transmitted by wire and mail to the Dominion election act, and a copy of the returns being delivered to the returning officer of the electoral division.

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Mr. Casey—Where? Mr. McInerney—In the house or in another place having authority to defeat the bill, then we would have no such thing as the franchise act of 1898, and therefore, the temperance people of this country would be deprived of the opportunity next year of passing on the prohibition question.

Is It a Threat? Sir Wilfrid Laurier—I do not know whether we are to interpret the words of my honorable friend who has just spoken as a threat that the fate which has already overtaken another bill that has been passed by this house this session is to overtake the Franchise Act. That it is a threat I will not accept for my part, but I will wait until the senate has pronounced against the will of the people once more before I will accept the suggestion of the honorable gentleman.

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FROM THE CAPITAL. A Committee Appointed to Consider the Contentions of the Auditor-General.

Commissioner Rothwell Makes an Explanation Regarding the Settlers' Coal Claims.

Ottawa, April 29.—At the public accounts committee to-day a sub-committee was appointed to consider the over-rulings of the treasury board against the contentions of the auditor-general.

The report of Commissioner Rothwell on the claims of settlers within the railway belt of the E. & N. railway was presented to parliament yesterday.

The orders of the Yukon military contingent will probably be issued to-morrow. The detachment leave Ottawa on Thursday next week.

The house resumed discussion of the franchise bill when Mr. Fitzpatrick proposed his amendment removing the provincial disqualification of Dominion officials. The bill passed the committee stage with the exception of one or two unimportant clauses.

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Whereas, the redistribution bill introduced by the provincial government 1. Practically disfranchises the people of Boundary Creek district.

2. Creates the electoral district of Rossland with a voting population of over 1,500 votes—a number out of all proportion to that in other constituencies in the province.

3. Leaves the rich and growing Boundary Creek district at the mercy of the now more populous district of Rossland and vicinity.

4. Places in one constituency people who have no common interests, and other, who are separated by a high range of mountains.

5. Creates a district that is disjointed and cumbersome, and humiliating to those who supposed they lived in a province blessed with responsible government.

6. Is an infamous gerrymander. 7. Leaves the people of Boundary Creek without any political power or political influence.

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