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NEARLY AT WAR OVER VENEZUELA

Senator Depew Says Queen Victoria Intervened at Time of President Cleveland's Celebrated Message

LORD SALISBURY WISHED FOR WAR

Statement Also Made That Spain Would Have Evacuated Cuba and Porto Rico if Approached Diplomatically

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Voting down an amendment offered by Mr. Burton to authorize only one new battleship instead of two, the United States senate today passed the naval appropriation bill of almost \$184,000,000. The naval increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, provided by the bill is as follows: Two first-class battleships, no cost not exceeding \$8,000,000 and when equipped with armor and armament about \$12,500,000. Two fleet collars, not exceeding \$1,000,000 each. Five submarine torpedo boats not exceeding a total of \$2,000,000. Six torpedo boat destroyers, not exceeding \$150,000 each.

The closing hours of the debate elicited two important historical revelations by Senator Depew. One bore on the war with Spain. Mr. Depew also revealed some history concerning the Venezuelan episode in the second administration of President Cleveland. The statement regarding the Spanish war was elicited by an assertion by Senator Hepburn that the people themselves did not want war, but generally were compelled by their rulers to submit to them. Tacking issue with the Idaho senator, Mr. Depew said that popular demand had forced the war with Spain on the country, and that President McKinley had been opposed to it. He also said that as favorable terms could have been obtained from Spain without war as were obtained with war.

DEVELOPMENT ON LITTLE JOE O.K.

Picked Samples Went as High as \$2,000 to Ton on This Property Located on Glacier Creek. Development work on the Little Joe-O.K. Mining Co.'s property has resulted in exposing some high grade ore picked samples of which went as high as \$2,000 to the ton.

TO DEVELOP ROGERS CLAIMS

Silver Bow Mines, Ltd., Latest Addition to Companies Formed in Portland Canal District. Another mining company is being formed to develop a group of claims in the Portland Canal district, the Silver Bow Mines company, Ltd., with offices in Vancouver. Mr. W. Noble, president of the company, who is now in Victoria, said yesterday that the company has formed to take over five claims, the Silver Bow No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and Washington, situated on Glacier Creek. These claims were originally located by Mr. Rogers in 1892, and \$7,000 had been spent in development work and application is being made for a Crown grant. On the claims there is a lead of copper and gold ore thirty feet wide, which has been traced for 3,000 feet, and there is a tunnel on this of 100 feet. Ore taken from this dump gave from \$15 to \$20 an average from fifteen assays. There is a second ledge seen for 100 feet from three to eight feet wide, which carries good values in silver and lead and yet another ledge of solid galena

NO NEGOTIATIONS FOR SOME TIME

Reciprocity Project Will Have to Wait for Consideration Until Ministers Return to Ottawa in Autumn

RESULT OF NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Manner in Which Question Was Forced to Front Through Action of the Payne-Aldrich Tariff.

OTTAWA, May 25.—Negotiations between Canada and the United States looking to reciprocity arrangements are not likely to be taken up before next Autumn. Before the conclusion of the tariff arrangements in March last, the United States Secretary of State, Hon. P. C. Knox, in a letter to the Canadian Minister of Finance expressing President Taft's satisfaction with the outcome, wrote as follows: "Let me then take this opportunity to express by his direction the desire of the president that your government find it convenient to take up with this government at such time and such manner as may be mutually satisfactory, the consideration of a re-arrangement of our trade relations upon the broader and more liberal lines which should obtain between countries so closely related geographically and racially as indicated by the president in his recent public utterances."

PUNISHMENT FOR WRONGDOERS

Sentences Passed on Men Convicted of Offences at Vancouver Assizes — Unusual Plea Is Rejected by Judge

VANCOUVER, May 25.—So-called bunco men will have to learn that British territory is poor soil for their schemes, said Mr. Justice Murphy at the close of the assizes here late today, when he sentenced Edward Morris to five years and Adam Davis to three years. Morris, of Washington, was found guilty of defrauding a Dakota farmer of \$2, and Davis, of Olympia, Wash., of attempting to defraud by forged draft a man of \$500, falling through the activity of a local bank manager, George Campbell, of Portland, Ore., who forged the draft, was recently sentenced to three years. Lodged, the British subject, formerly of Calgary, was sentenced to seven years for manslaughter of his wife, Marteen, an Italian, whose death was caused by a blow on the head. Charles Heaton, of Prince Rupert, was sentenced to two years for assaulting an officer in the discharge of his duty. In the case of Morris, who had attempted to defraud a Dakota farmer by a fake race chart and office here, a remarkable element introduced into his defence was that certain circumstances which told against him, were his counsel urged, caused by telephatic influence. "Telepathy is a debatable subject," commented Mr. Justice Murphy. "Some people do not believe in it at all, I think it will be the administration of justice to rely upon common sense, at least while the present state of the science continues."

POLITIC BUELOW

Berlin, May 25.—Prince Bulow has taken a leaf out of Lord Rosebery's political note-book and is diverting himself to the lonely furrow. An amusingly abortive attempt to tempt him from it is recorded. The National Liberals have just achieved a sensational victory in a by-election at Olfeld-Lohr, by capturing a constituency that has been a stronghold of Conservatism from time immemorial. The last holder of the seat was the late Count von Stolberg-Wernigerode, president of the Reichstag in the days of exuberance which followed their triumph—partly admittedly due to the growing wave of Conservative unpopularity—the National Liberal party managers disapproved the glad tidings in the Villa Maubert at Rome. It was obviously their hope to receive a reply which could be exploited for campaign purposes. Prince Bulow, it appears, was not a diplomat for forty years without learning how to make language conceal thought, or to telegraphed the exclusively laconic response: "I am friendly interest which you still manifest for me in private life is a gratification for which I am grateful."

CRITICISES REMARK

LONDON, May 25.—Mr. Justice Bigham's statement before the Divorce Commission that he did not consider a lapse in the case of a married man so serious as in that of a married woman has been vigorously criticised by Archdeacon Madden of Liverpool, at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Aldersgate street, London. He considered, he said, that the judge had perpetrated a grave mistake. The drift of this and the evidence of other dignitaries of the Bench and Bar was that a lower standard of morality should be applied to a man than a woman. He held that it was all symptomatic of the decline in the national character and those who held the opposite view should rise up as one man and stand against such a Pagan doctrine. The birth-rate was falling, judicial separations were on the increase, the divorce relating to the children born out of wedlock were enormous, the ideas of marriage were undergoing serious changes, and yet an English judge used the weight of his name and position to make such a statement. Was he (Lord Mersey) aware that thousands of men would greedily lay hold of it in order to extenuate their inidelity. To Be Far Reaching: JOHANNESBURG, May 25.—Speaking at Bloemfontein General Horizon yesterday asserted that the distance medium in the schools would shortly be extended throughout South Africa. The statement of the Orange River Attorney-General has created quite a sensation.

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