

DOMINION HOUSE. Very Quiet Day in the Hou of Commons for a Change.

Tukon Railway Bill Sent to the Sena and San Jose Scale Bill Assented To.

Ottawa, March 19.-In the house of cor yesterday Mr. Mercier's motion Mr. Bruneau's case referred to ges and elections committee leges and elections committee, was, Wilfrid Laurier's request, postpon Monday. He stated that the gove thad been consulting the law office he crown, but had not yet receiv report, and were consequently receiv report, and were consequently sition to state what the attitu overnment on the matter would be, bouse went into committee on Davies' bill respecting the inspect camboats and the examination a Its Davies' bill respecting the inspection steamboats and the examination and mass of engineers employed on them. A a few moments Black Rod's three ulchral knocks were heard, and tha gust person bowed himself into the fiber, and said his little speech, which is greeted with the customary laughter cheers and a cry of "Scool for his bow." The house then trooped off to the other maker, where His Excellency assented to San Jose scale bill. When the member prined to their own side of Parliamen use, they resumed consideration of the timber, where this period off to the other more inspection bill, and after mode inspection bill, and after ion of the terms, reported it. Henri Joly de Lotbiniere's bill the weights and measures act to what should be the stan

of a bag of potatoes. Monk proposed that, it should 70 pounds, his reason therefor b the city of Montreal has a la g farmers to put 90 pounds in lething that they find hard to do. nething that they find nara to do, committee rose at 9:30, reported s and asked leave to sit again. Henri de Joly Litbinieres bill to the gas inspection act was passed h committee and read a third time.

sorve hitherto maintained will be aban-doned, and Spain wil, be charged by American papers with treachery and malice, while the American people will be excited to the fever point. "Spain, however, has already borne o much that a conflict may still be a cided, but if her object has only been to gain ime, it may be that she is now in a position to adopt some more marking a the needed will give as the dwelling of Fred Basmussen, of the colorado Saloon, They were discharged by reason of insufficient evidence to sus-tat evidence of the needed will be state effect to the fever point. Spain, however, has already borne of gain, marking a mile or two each day. Colorado Saloon, They were discharged by reason of insufficient evidence to sus-tat evidence of the needed will be a cided, but if her object has only been in a position to adopt some more marking a more marking a mile or two each day. The devidence of the top point. Spain, however, has already borne to gain the charge the met men, from all acting the route he met in the reason of the disting the from the the disting the route he met men, from all acting the route al etroleum inspection bill and the act r to amend the inland revenue act the passed through their final stages. In a position to adopt some more mary statement of any kind. They claim their discussion was considered in detail. Mem-tial attitude." The Daily Chronicle, after expressing a dotb as to whether the Spanish in-quiry has been conducted as carefully as the American commission, whose re-port, it says, "is in narmony with all the probabilities of the case," proceeds to the gratement of any kind they can account for their whereabouts at the time of the was the result of a private quarrel with a certain individual over a personal mat-tier, the nature of which they will not "The principal aspects of the question." Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Foster to the principal aspects of the question. "The patience of the Washington gov-The prosecution claim they are in possession of evidence that the accused were seen together near the cabin, and the house adjourned at 10 o'clock. r. Sproule will again introduce a bill to ingthen the provisions of the act for the vention and suppression of combinations estraint of trade. ernment," says the Chronicle, "and the calm, pacific policy of the president, have were seen together hear the cabin, and intimiate that a partial confession has been obtrined from one of the parties in-terested. They say Corbett was shot by one of the confederates during the shooting in the cabin, his wound being scouldered by been beyond all praise. Had the people of the United States been polled on the uestion, war would have been declared before now, not, as is falsely suggested, on account of financial and commercial accidental, or else he was injured by the premature discharge of a pistol in his own hands during the excitement atests, but on the grounds of humanty, and because of the intolerable stench his own hands during the excitement at-tending the affair. Harry Green, of Spokane, a partner of the murdered gambler, came down on the Ning Chow. He gives the following details of the murder as he got them from J. K. Ross, another partner, who was with Roberts at the time of his death. After leaving the cambling house late of this open sole, close to the borders of the great republic. But it is evident that the time for action has arrived. President McKinley must take such steps as will challenge in the most direct way Spain's right to murder the revolted colonists any longer, if she attempts to provisioning of the starving rom American ports, quite on Saturday night, Roberts and Ross resist the Cubans from American ports, quite apart from any treachery to the Ameriny treachery to the Ameri-Despite all rumors it is that Spein would have no can warship. quite certain that Spain would have no allies, and the result would be the lib-of the evening. Roberts, who was foreof the evening. Roberts, who was fore-most, opened the door, and was in the eration of Cuba The Daily Telegraph says: "Suppos-The Daily Telegraph says: "Suppos-ng the American report can be substan-tated, there can be no question that spain is primarily responsible, as any country would be, if a similar catastro-tated the door, and was in the derers, who were hidden in the mur-opened fire, Ross field dead immediate-ty and Ross field. tated, there can be no question that Spain is primarily responsible, as any country would be, if a similar catas ro-Iv and Ross fied. Green says that but a week before the tragedy Roberts sent \$200 to his wife, who was residing in Missouri, to pay the expenses of the journey to Dyea, and she is, he thinks, now on the way to the Gateway City. Roberts has been butied at Dyea. "If the Spanish authorities were ignorant of the position of the submarine mines, their ignorance is culpable. If of the position is culpable. It she is, he think Roberts has been buried to warn guests, their position is still less det at Dyea. The report adds fuel to the Gottlieb Schneider, who shot and killer to the Gottlieb Schneider, at Sheep fensible. The report adds fuel to the flame. If the task of the diplomats and Gottheo Schneider, who shot and an-ed Frank Clement, his partner, at Sheep Camp, was, according to news brought down by the Ning Chow, brought before Judge Ostrander at Dyea, charged with statesmen was arduous before, it is ten mes more difficult now." The Daily Telegraph discussing else-Judge Ostrander at Dyea, charged with the murder, and acquitted on the ground that he acted in self-defence, Clement having atacked him with a knife. Luther Woods, a prospector who came down on the Ning Chow, says big finds are being made on Walsh and Leake creeks, surface finds running as high as \$20 and \$30 to the pan. No develop-ment work has been done. the financial aspects of the case,

another in their intense patriotism and willingness to fight, if necessary, to save Cuba for Spain. The government received last night full details of the report of the Spanish commission on the Maine citastrophe. Admiral Bernels, minister of marne, communicated the report to-day to the Queen Regent and Premier Sagasta The Queen kept Senor Sagasta at lunch. Afterwards Sagasta tolephoned for the

Afterwards Sigasta telephoned for the minister of foreign affairs (Gullon) and the minister for the colonies (More[†]) who the minister for the colonies (More⁺) who joined him promptly. The three had a long conference with the Queen Regent and then went to the foreign office. Fin-ally it was decided to cable Marshal Blanco to send a copy of the report of the Spanish commission to Washington immediately. An officer, bearing the re-port, will reach Washington on Wed-nesday. Spain thus wishes to give resh proof of her conciliatory attitude,

FOUND GUILTY

This policy is in direct line with the John Kelly, Harry Brooks and J.D. Corbett Committed for Trial for Murder of Sam Roberts.

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e instructions given to the United new minister to Spain before his States' new minister to Spain before his legarnine for his post, directed him to moress upon the government the sincerce **Partner**, Acquitted - The Strikes ward ending fue ware to lend its aid oward ending fue ware a Cubb - at Waish Creek. If a peaceful and lasting result, just and out out the Spain and the Cuban out of the sincerce Gottlieb Schneider, Who Killed His

These instructions recited the and duration of the contest, spread losses it entailed, the dens and restraints it imposed upon United States with the constant disturbance of national interests and injury resulting from an indefinite continuance of this state of things. No solution was presented to which the slightest idea of

iliation to Spain could attach, and ndeed, the precise proposals were with-reld to avoid embarrassment to that government." After reciting the substance of Spain's reply, received October 23 last, the presi-

immediate amelioration of existt savs: conditions under a new administra-of Cuban affairs is predicted, and therewith all disturbance and all occa-sion for any change of attitude on the part of the United States."

art of the United States. Since the delivery of the message evi-ence has accumulated showing beyond testion that the promise made in behalf the new administration to relieve the inditions in Cuba have not been fulfilled accomplished. On the contrary, evi-ence which has reached the president we conclusively that the situation is oming more serious. In view of ets, the United States governthese facts, the United States govern-ment has decided to take, if it has not already taken, definite action by inform-ing Spain that, while disavowing any interest other than that dictated by a sense of honor and justice to the stricken and starving people, it must insist that hostilities be brought to a close.

Some British Press Opinions. to the belief that Corbett and his com-panions were concerned in the murder. He searched the cabin occupied by the

London, March 26.- The Times does not comment on the cabled forecasts of the report of the Maine court of inquiry. It is apparently awaiting official anouncements. The Morning Post says: "The gravity of the Cuban question is enormously in-creased by the American report, because, even if no distinct indictment of the

the tracks found near the cabin where the murder was committed. The accused have been residents of Dyea for several months and this is not their first of-fence. Kelly and Corbett were arrested February 24, charged with larceny from Spanish government is included, the reserve hitherto maintained will be aban-

ment.

OXFORD WINS AGAIN The Cambridge Urew Again Loses in

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the 55th Annual Collegiate Boat Race.

The Dark Biues Score a Very Easy Victory Over Their Oft-Van-

quished Rivals.

Putney, March 26 .- Oxford won the 55th annual boat race between crews representing Oxford and Cambridge, which was rowed to-day over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake, four and onequarter miles. Oxford won the toss, and the crew, of

course, took advantage of the brisk wind which was blowing.

The crews got away at 3:48. At Dukes Head, soon after the start, Cambridge was leading and the light blues were a quarter of a length ahead of the dark blues at Ciasper's boat house. At Crab tree, about a mile and a quarter from the start, Oxford led by

three lengths. At the Soap works, one mile and three-quarters from the start, Oxford was leading four lengths.

The dark blues maintained this dis-The steamer Ning Chow, Captain tance while passing under Hammersmith

Cross, arrived early this morning after a quick passage of three days and twelve hours from Skagway. She brought down about forty passengers, nearly all of whom were gamblers, sure-thing and confidence men who have found that bridge, and past Doves, a little over two miles from the start. By this time Cambridge was pulling short, and at Chiswick church, two miles and three-quarters from the start, the race developed into a procession, and was confidence men, who have sfound that business in their line at Skagway is getregarded as a certainty for Oxford; ting to be too quiet to warrant them con-

When Thornycrott's works were tinuing their residence there. The Ning Chow brings news that John Kelly, Harry Brooks and J. D. Corbett, reached, three miles from the start, the dark blues were leading by five lengths, and at Barnes' Bridge, three and two-third miles, they led by five lengths. The Oxford crossed the line twelve kelly, Harry Brooks and J. D. Corbett, who were arrested on the charge of be-ing implicated in the murder of Sam Roberts—or, to give him his proper name —Sam Parks, the gambler, were given a preliminary hearing before Judge Os-trander, who held court in the M. E. church building, and committed them to that their tright the next term of the

Cambridge crew stopped off the Ship at Mortlake thoroughly exhausted, with the boat half full of water. stand their trial at the next term of the races rowed, and has been winner nine

United States court at Sitka. Kelly and years in succession. Brooks were taken to Sitka by the Unit-ed States marshal, and Corbett is in the The crews satian the shells as follows: Oxford-Bow, R. O. Pitman; 2, B. O. Edwards; 3, C. K. Phillips; 4, P. Warro; 5, C. L. Burnell, 6, R. Carr; 7, Al. Her-bert stroke, H. C. Gold; coxswain, H. K. Preckel. hospital suffering from a sovere³gun-shot wound in the shoulder. The arrest of the prisoners came about in this manner. Early on the Sanday morning following the murder Corbett made application to the military camp Preckel

K. Freckel. Cambridge-Bow, W. S. Rennie; 2, J. F. Beel; 3, H. G. Frown; 4, H. V. Pear-son 5, A. W. Swanston; 6, R. B. Ether-ington Smith; 7, C. J. D. Goldie; stroke. for medical attention and stated that he had been shot. He was advised to seek attention elsewhere from a surgeon. He was taken to the Skagit House and the services of Dr. Price obtained, who caus-A. S. Bell; coxswain, E. G. Hawkins,

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ment. During his stay in the hospital De-puty Marshal Cudihee, who was at work investigating the murder of Rob-erts, received information which led him Definitely Stated That Court of Inquiry Finds That the Explosion Was External.

boots and hoes in a solid condition, covered with blood. The shoes were identified as those of Corbett and fitted Hurrying War Freparations - Washington in a Fever of Excitement.

Spain tends toward reinforcing it with other Spanish vessels, not as a menace, but from what the Spanish government feels is a requirement called for by the existing condition of affairs. Hairuy less suggestive than the ap-proach of the torpedo flotilla was the information received to-day by the highest multary authorities that the Spanish government had hurried to completion extensive fortifications on the island of rorto Rico, lying just off Cuba, and the only Spanish possessions in this hemis-phere other than Cuba. The exact character of these new defences has been made known here and they are being given weight with the military authori-

ties as showing the disposition of Spain

10NUAL, MAR 28. 1898

The orders issued by the navy depart ment during the day covered every branch of the service. The "flying squadroa" is to consist of five ships. These are the crack armored cruiser Brooklyn, the battleships Massachusetts and Texas and the cruisers Colum-bia and Minneapolis. Other ships which

are now or hereafter at Hampton roads will not be in this squadron. At the same time the North Atlantic station, under Capt. Sampson, is to be further augmented. The cruiser Chifeinnati, which left Port Antonio three days ago under sealed orders, is to report at Key West and become part of Capt. Sampson's fleet. Orders were issued to-

to have all the warships painted black, a color that is better adapted to hostilities, because the vessels will not afford so good a farget. The navy department was informed by cablegram from London that agents of the government had purchased a torpedo boat that had been constructed for the

beat that had been constructed for the German government. The new acquisi-tion is of the general type of German torpedo boats and is regarded as a valu-able addition to the navy. One feature regarding her that affords special grati-fication to the officials of the navy de-partment is that she is now ready for sea. It is expected that within a few days she will leave for the United States.

CITIZEN OR SUBJECT

Certain Records Now Printed for the First Time in a Canadian Newspaper.

They Deeply Concern a Certain Patriot Whose Motives Are Sometimes

Enveloped in Mystery.

The Province to-day publishes the history and adventures of the editor of the Colonist. The subjoined declaration follows in the Province the letter which Mr. Lugrin, as editor of the Seattle Times, published on April 20th, 1896, to prove that he had not a drop of British blood in his veins. Please note the different dates carefully. That letter was published in the Victoria Times some honor of being the first Canadian paper to print the following "declaration of in-riers, 80 miles this side of Dawson, so that to print the following "declaration of in-tention," which will, no doubt, be read they have no doubt by this time gladden-

Impossible to Estimate the Amount Another Interesting Letter Direct of Gold That Will Be Brought From the Rich Lillooet From Klondike. Gold Fields. Eight Thousand Claims Have Been Indians and Chinamen With Primi Recorded at Dawson Since tive Apparatus Taking Out Last September. Dust and Nuggets. That Nine Thousand Dollar Nugget Dissatisfaction Expressed Over the Ap Story Was Invented for Benpointment of a Cheechako as efit of Reporters. Mining Recorder.

ENORMOUS OUTPUT BRIDGE RIVER GOLD

Eight thousand claims have been recorded with the agent of the Dominion government at Dawson City since Sepember. This shows pretty well the excitement that has prevailed in the Klondike country during the winter, and the large extent of new ground that is being worked, for the owners of claims are not idle. This information is supplied by Mr. John Piche, special courier for the Dominionggovernment, who arrived here this morning on the steamer Ning Chow with reports from the officials at Dawson for the heads of their departments at Ot-Mr. Piche left Dawson on February 16, and consequently nade a very good trip out, reaching tidewater five days ago.

the south by the Monarch group of claims, the outside croppings assaying Asked as to that latest Klondike fish-story, the \$9,000 nugget, Mr. Piche sailed and said he had not heard of it, despite the fact that he was the last one from \$20 to \$30 per ton.

to leave Dawson. He was the last one to leave Dawson. He was just behind Messrs. Denham, Goodwin, Lang and Lacelles, who arrived at Vancouver yes-terday on the way out, and he remembered hearing at different places some very unlikely stories about the Klondike, and also something about a story that was being prepared for the reporters. This probably accounts for the big nug-

get story." There is no doubt that the output this year will be enormous, far in excess of the output last year, but it is impossible to make an estimate of what it will be without visiting all the camps and sizing up the dumps. Nobody, Mr. Piche says, has done this, so that the estimates made have been mere guesses. The dumps on all the claims are very large, the season having been a favorable one for getting out the dirt, while the men have been making strenous efforts to get out as much as possible before the time for making the clean-up arrives. Where last year there were but a few claims being worked there are now several thousand, so that if the new claims turn out only so that if the new claims rurn out only half as well as those which startled the world with their outputs last year, the miners coming home next fail will be loaded with gold. Mr. Piche says he had a fairly good trip out, but as he has been over the ground several times, he probably does not not be the startly mean months ago, but the Province has the death to less experienced men. The first

tention," which will, no doubt, be read with deep interest, by all who have seen in this morning's Colonist the passionate Canada-for-Canadians shout of that or-Then all along the route he met men,

WILL KILL THE BILL

Out the Teslin Railway.

Measure.

Next-End of a Hard

Struggle Near.

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A group of claims that is attracting considerable attention in Bridge river, are the Why Not, Van Winkle and Coughlan; these claims are situated on the situated on the right bank of the south forks of Bridge river, bordering due south torks of the Forty Thieves group. The ledge on the Why Not is from 4 to 10 feet in width, carrying gold bearing quartz with visible gold, the assays of which run up to a high figure. "It is in a diorite formation and exactly the same formation as the Forty Thieres group. The ledge runs northeast and southwest, and continues through the Van Winkle and Coughlan claims.'s Veryⁱ little has been done on these claims at present, but active de-velopment work will be commenced in a few days. These claims are bounded on

Up to about five years ago a large amount of gold was taken by white men out of Bridge river at this particular point, but gradually they abandoned their claims to Indians and Chinamen. There is still a large amount of valuable ground unworked and unprospected abandoned ground unworked and unprospected on Bridge river, only awaiting capital to be developed: One Indian named Tash-pola, otherwise Hunter Jack, has been working on a small claim at the mouth of the south forks of Bridge river. The bet time he was here selling his gold last time he was here selling his gold dust he exhibited some beautiful nuggets. several of them of the value of \$20 apiece. No one really knows the amount of gold that has been taken out of this stream by Indians and Chinamen. Adjacent to this ground Messrs. Haylemore, Lovegrove and Whitmore have taken up a lease and these gentlemen have just returned to Lillooet after prospecting for six weeks on their ground. They report themselves as well satisfied with the results of their trip. They ran an open cut

200, feet across, their property, getting about 8 feet below the rivel level. Bedrock was not reached in consequence of provisions running short and they had to return to Lillooet. Every pan of dirt tested showed several colors, and as a confirmation of their assertions they rought down with them a small bottle half full of large, coarse pieces of gold, some of them running as high as 80 cents. each in value. On the adjoining lease, owned by

Messrs. White & Com after thorough prospecting, the owners intend putting on a hydraulic plant this simmer. To successfully work this country, cap-ital is the only thing needed, and this we are confident of, that if the capitalist

are confident of, that if the capitalist will only come and see our country an investment will certainly follow. Mr. Haylemore paid a visit to the Bendor and Ida May group of claims on Cadwallader creek. He inspected all the recent work performed on these claims and he reports the quartz as the richest he has ever seen. The ledge on the Bendor is undening out with fully 4 feet and he reports seen. The ledge on the he has ever seen. The ledge on the Bender is widening out with fully 4 feet. of ore on the face, and there is not the

ed through their final stages. a had a little fun over the which, among other things, use of stamps for the smaller es of tobacco introduced in conse-of the increased duty. These stamps en in use for some time now with-express authority of parliament, Foster rallied Sir Henri about this

returning officer for Prince had been appointed.

In the Senate.

the senate yesterday the Yukon bill ntroduced and read a first time with-iscussion. It stands for the second of on Tuesday next. Ig on Tuesday next. In the senate met yesterday the speaker inced that His Excellency had arriven ve assent to the bill passed by the 6 to protect Canada from an insect known as the San Jose scale. The Rod was dispatched with the usual ge to the commons. When the mem-f the lower house arrived, headed by peaker, and took up their please of

speaker, and took up their places at bar, Lord Aberdeen entered the cham-attended by his aides, Captain Erskine Major Dennison, and assented to the

r Wilfrid Laurier was present and stook the right of the vice-regal disc during ceremony. the departure of the Governortter the departure of the Gove eral the senate resumed its sitting.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

ter Showing Than Previous Year in the Half-Yearly Report,

ronto, March 25 .- A special cable to the ning. Telegram from London says: e half-yearly report of the Grand Trunk way, just issued, shows receipts for the od to have been £2,247,151, an increase 135,617 as compared with the corres-ling period of the previous year. The aling period of the previous year. The king expenses of the road are shown as 34,804, being a decrease compared with similar period of £80,616, making the traffic receipts for the last half of the £81,347. Adding to the above £107,886 rest received on bonds of other railways the International Bridge Company es the net revenue receipts £920,235, an ease over the net revenue charges, in-ing tents of leased lines, interest on rutures and stocks and bonds, and the unt advanced to the Chicago & New en Company, amount to £614,972, leav-a surplus, which, deducted from the elenicy's shown in the report of June, leaves the balance of £10,280, to the it of net, fevenue account for Decem-1897; to be carried forward to the next to be carried forward to the next 897 to be evenue acco 1897, to be carried forward to the next year's account. The revenue suplus 's an improvement of £236,177, and for entire year of 1897 £277,972, as com-d with a deficiency of £42,975 shown 1896. The Grand Trunk and Wabash ement is also shown by which the r line between Windsor and Buffalo juspension Bridge is leased at a yearly 1 of \$275,000, increasing every five s \$25,000 until the maximum is reach-\$450,000, the Wabash paying its quota he cost of operating and maintaining ost of operating and maintain leased.

directors regret that the amicable ns between the G.T.R. and the C.P.R. is have been interrupted in conse-of the unwillingness of the latter to to passenger e of the unwillingness of the latter to to passenger rates arranged by Am-competition with the G.T.R. mager Hays' efforts on behalf of the the directors highly appreciate and due record of the fact." retiring directors. Messrs. Hubbard. on, Sergeant and Welby and also rs Whinney and Bavidson, "offer leives for re-election at the semism-shareholders' meeting to be held on h of April.

of April. new French commander-in-chief

ral Jamont, who is a Breton. He is ears of age and served in the Cri-, Lombardy and Mexico. He was at Metz in 1870, and in 1885 comded the Tongking expedition.

says: "If the situation should become more acute there would certainly be a big export of gold from this side,

Spain's Dignified Attitude. New York, March 26.—The subjoined cable from Madrid is in the World: United States Mininster Woodford

alled at the foreign ministry at 4 p.m. month work has been done. io-day, and remained in conference with overal SCHOOL BOARD FINANCES. at the foreign ministry at a with erral SCHOOL BOARD FINANCES JIL: and remained in conference with erral SCHOOL BOARD FINANCES JIL: make by the cabled director of dent McKinley, and he is believed ive presented the synopsis of the rican naval court's worldet. presentatives of both countries nain on their respective sides abso-finances. Each reaffirmed that his in makes absohave presented the synopsis of

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ain on their respective sides abso-finnness. Each reaffirmed that his ment. Minister Woodford speak-for the United States, and Senor on for Spain, would be ruled by the t of its own naval court. One re-says that the explosion which sank Maine came from the outside; the r asserts that the battleship was ked by an accidental internal ex-ked an inch. The two governments e as wide apart as before. ann is one thereve of a momentous tion. The fate of the Liberti gov

n. The fate of the Liberal gov-nt and perhaps the dynasty, hangs the result of next"Sunday's voting

embers of the cortes. ous political parties, and connot single party, nor even a selitary ate, who will consent to the sac-"Spain's rights to Cuba." Incandidates of all parties rival one

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ing that the discussion was of a grave character, and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation al origin.

The government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo flotilla bound from the Canaries and will be disinclined to con sider a suggestion from this government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own forces. entry:

War preparations of an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the war, and naval departments and the country is practically on a war foot-

The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days the national capital has seen since the close of the civil war. It was a day of profound important action, of the deepest anxiety, coupled with naval and military activity, cone step following another in rapid suc-cession. Public men in all branches of official and congressional life no less cession. than the public in general shared in the tension to which the situation has been wrought. There was no effort among the highest officials, nor indeed was it possible owing to what was clearly apparent in the developments of the day,

Secretary Long early this morning, d shortly after it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the president. No intimation of the re-sults reached by the court, however, were known until 2 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country as well as the engerly waiting officials at Washington. These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the

explosion. The court does not express an opinion, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the ex-act character of which is not determined act character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating sub-marine mine. There were two explo-sions, the court finds, the first was on the outside and that set off one of the smaller magazines. It was this result, expressed in detail, and with the preision of a court deeply conscious of its responsibility, together with the evidence on which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions of the morning and afternoon. All otherwand lesser subjects gave way to this foremost ques-tion. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to congress early next week; accompanied by a brief message from

While interest was thus centered at the White House, the navy and war de-partments were hurrying forward their work of preparations. The advance of the Spanish torpedo flotilla continued to receive the closest attention of naval offi-cers, but so far as could be ascertained no definite line of action was determined upon. The need of intercepting this fleet was urged by the highest naval authorities. From the standpoint of the Spanish government this movement was lift a menace, having been decided upon many weeks ago. On the contrary, the Spanish government holds that the ex-tensive armament of the Tortugas was a more direct hostile action than any movement of the flotilla. Instead of stopping the flotilla, the present attitude of

wranging over how the fruit shall be will wait here for orders from Ottawa, gathered our wide- wake neighbors will which will decide whether he shall return by all. Canada for the Oanadians gusiness first and politics after-ds." and business first and politics after-wards,"

Now the reader will come with mind prepared for the Province contribution to this interesting history. It is as folprivate business, before starting The Province has procured from the re-cords, of the Superior Court of the State of Washington the following interesting trip that he completed to-day.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION. United States of America, & State of Washington.

(S.S.) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LEWIS

COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON: I, Charles H.- Lugrin, a native of New L, CHATES H. Dight, a harve of New Brunswick, do declare on oath that it is bona fide my intention to BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES and to rehounce forever all allegiance and fidelity? to all and any foreign prince, natentitic state and soveredent whatso. potentate, state and sovereignty whatso ever, and particularly to VICTORIA. ever, and particularly to VICTO QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRE LAND, whose subject I am, ANL THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. SO HELP ME GOD. CHABLES H. LUCKIN.

to minimize the situation. Commander Marix, judge advocate of the court of inquiry, delivered the report Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1891. D. W. CAMERON, Clerk.

the senate, has decided to take the re-D. W. CAMERON, Clerk. Herei we have over his own signature the editor of the Colonist acting as a rene-gate to his country and abjuring his Queen! And yet this is the man who day after day, in the editorial columns of the Col-onist, prates about loyalty and professes to give expression to the views of patriotic Canadians; and, indeed, becomes virtuously indignant when other papers published in Canada venture to discuss matters affect-ing the Canadian people from a point of view differing from its own! This man, who has sworn to renounce his allegiance to Queen Victoria and the British empire, has the consummate impudence to take a sponsibility for the administration of the Klondike into its own hands, and will therefore throw out the Canadian-Yukon railway bill by a majority of twennext. T. W. O'Brien, who has spent eleven years in the Yukon, is here in the interests of the Pioneer Society of that ountry. He is strongly in favor of the lukon railway, as are also the miners.

has the consummate impudence to take a leading part in the discussion of Canadian affairs and to advise governments as to what course of action they shall follow in dealing with matters of vital interest to the welfare of Canadia. He is hand in give He says the railroad would be of great benefit to British Columbia in opening up new mining districts, even if there were no Kloudike. He wants claims to the welfare of Ganadia. He is hand in glove with the British Celumbia cabinet and its tools, with Sir Charles Tupper, and Sir Charles Tupper's son, with ex-Lleutenant Governor Dewdney and others who have been travelling up and down Canada, claun-ing to have a first mortgage on all the loyalty in sight. This man, who has fore-sworn his birthright! This alien! In order that there may be no question at all as to the authenticity of the declara-tion reproduced above, the Province has had the document certified to, the certificate reading as follows: State of Washington. be 500 feet and no royalty exacted. A writ was issued in the county court to day by Ann Davidson, widow of the late W. R. Davidson, florist, of Montreal, against all members of the late government for \$1,041, the price of a wreath ordered by them to be placed on the coffin of the late Sir John Thompson as a token of their affection and esteem,

AROUND THE HOTELS.

One hundred and fifty passengers east-bound over the C.P.R. debarked here this morning from the San Francisco boat, in addition to a large number of intending Yukoners. At the Dominion 85 arrivals are registered to-day, and among them are two parties, one from Los Angeles and the other from Oakland, who will stay in the city long enough to obtain their com-plete outfits for the northern journey. The Oakland party, at the head of which is Mr. R. Pligott, intend making a very thorough prospecting trip along the lakes, and rivers between the coast and the Yukon river, and will take in with them a very and rivers between the coast and the Yukon river, and will take in with them a very complete supply of everything needed for a long and arduous journey. Samuel P. Merchant leads the Loss Angeles party, which will go north in a few days, bound for the Klondike district. They express the well will well pleased will the pros-pects and speak very highly of the differ-ence observed in the treatment accorded them here with that experienced in other places.

slightest deabt that these properties will become perfect Bonanzas to their owners.

A visit was also paid to the Forty Thieves group of claims; here a large body of men under the superintendence of Mr. Smith were hard at work getting things into shape for the development of

the property. We development of Mr. Smith had a tenrible task in get-ting all the necessary supplies up to the mines, but he successfully combatted all difficulties. The result of the develop-ment work on this group of claims will be awaited with group of claims there in the least, in fact, he is used to it. Com-ing out from Driwson in September last, he returned again in November, remain-ing just long enough to attend to his awaited with great interest here in on the Lillooet.

I mentioned in my previous letter that a mining recorder's office at Bridge river was a necessity for the miners, and also a petition containing some \$4 signatures and been forwarded to Victoria. To the surprise of the miners they are informed from Victoria that their wishes are to be entirely ignored, that the appointment has already been made, and that a young gentleman who has only been some eight Tory Majority in the Senate to Throw months in the district is to have the appointment.

No one has any particular objection to the young fellow getting a billet, as he is generally liked by all here, and we have no doubt of his ability to perform the The Vote To Be Taken on Tuesday duties, but we are all unanimous that Mr. Thomas Reed, the gentleman selected by the miners, should have had the position. Our worthy M.P.P. will be-Ottawa. March 26.-(Special)-The gret the day that he ignored the wishes senate, or rather the Tory majority in of so many of his constituents.



ty. The vote will be taken on Tuesday Great Britain Preparing To Assert

Her Might in the Far East.

The Fleet at Hong Kong Is Ordered To Prepare at Once for Sea.

uddondon, March 26 .- A despatch to the Times from Hong Kong says that orders were issued vesterlag for the naval es-tablishment there to make, ingent pre-parations to place itself on a war foot-ing. The staff, it is added, will be augmented and mobilization has been order-The desputch further announces that 29 French cruisers have gone north, avoiding Hong Kong. The British bat-tleship Barfleur has gone to Nagasaki,

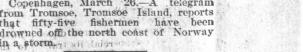
Japan. Hong Kong, March 26.-All the British warships are coaling and provision-ing, having been ordered to prepare for immediate readiness to go to sea. The Navy yards here are working day an The night.

Copenhagen, March 26.-A telegram from Tromsoe, Tromsoe Island, reports that fifty-five fishermen have been that fifty-five fishermen have been drowned off the north coast of Norway



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State of Washington, Contry of Lewis (S.S.) I, Will D. Langham, clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Lewis, State of Washington, said court being a court of record, having a common law jurisdiction and a clerk and seal, do certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the original declaration of intention of Charles H. Lugrin on his application to be-come a citizen of the United States re-maining in my office, upon the records of said court and of the whole theresof. In witness whereof, I have herednto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Su-perior Court at my office in Chehalis, in said county, this 2nd day of September, 1897.

Seal of the Superior Court of Lewis Co., State of Washington.

D.G.S Quadra returned from Cape Beale this afternoon. Beale this afternoon.

WILL D. LANGHAM, Clerk. The original document is in the posses