made known here and they are being given weight with the military authori-

ries as showing the disposition of Spain

The orders issued by the navy depart

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 his-

Colonist. The subjoined declaration fol-

with a big purpose. Its for each use, from the inting of a house. One of ake you acquainted with ILLIAMS best, last longest and are oing to paint it will pay It's free for the asking. O., PAINT MAKERS. Washington St., N. Y.

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

ukon 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 gover had been consulting the law office crown, but had not yet receive report, and were consequently received. report, and were consequently sition to state what the attitu overnment on the matter would be house went into committee on a Davies' bill respecting the inspect camboats and the examination as and Davies' bill respecting the inspection steamboats and the examination are reasonable as a few moments Black Rod's three ulchral knocks were heard, and that the cust person bowed himself into the diber, and said his little speech, which is greeted with the customary laughter the constant of the other special characteristics. The constant of the other modern where His Excellency assented to their own side of Parliament is, they resumed consideration of the important inspection bill, and after moderns. inspection bill, and after ion of the terms, reported it. Henri Joly de Lotbiniere's bill the weights and measures act he weights and measures act discussion of the important of to what should be the stan of a bag of potatoes.

Monk proposed that it should 70 pounds, his reason therefor be the city of Montreal has a last farmers to put 90 pounds in ething that they find hard to do.

nething that they find nard to do.
committee rose at 9:30, reported
s and asked leave to sit again.
Henri de Joly Litbiniere's bill to
the gas inspection act was passed
h committee and read a third time. etroleum inspection bill and the act r to amend the inland revenue act also passed through their final stages. ed through their final stages. a had a little fun over the which, among other things, use of stamps for the smaller es the use of stamps for the smaller s of tobacco introduced in conse-of the increased duty. These stamps en in use for some time now with express authority of parliament. Foster railied Sir Henri about this Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Foster

returning officer for Prince had he house adjourned at 10 o'clock.
r. Sproule will again introduce a bill to
engthen the provisions of the act for the
vention and suppression of combinations
estraint of trade.

In the Senate.

the senate yesterday the Yukon bill ntroduced and read a first time with-iscussion. It stands for the second go on Tuesday next. in the senate met yesterday the speaker in the senate met yesterday the speaker inced that His Excellency had arrived ye assent to the bill passed by the 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 memor the lower house arrived, headed by peaker, and fook up their present 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 the departure of the Governor-GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

er 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 corresing period of the previous year. The ling 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, ining tents of leased lines, interest on natures and stocks and bonds, and the unt advanced to the Chicago & New en Ccmpany, amount to £64,972, leaves shown in the report of June, leaves a balance of £10,280, to the 1807, to be carried forward to the next to be carried forward to the next of net revenue acco 1897, to be carried forward to the next year's account. The revenue supplus is an improvement of £236,177, and for entire year of 1897 £277,972, as comdiwith a deficiency of £42,975 shown 1896. The Grand Trunk and Wabash ement is also shown by which the rine between Windsor and Buffalo suspension Bridge is leased at a yearly all of \$275,000, increasing every five \$450,000, the Wabash paying its quota lie cost of operating and maintaining

ost of operating and maintain leased. directors regret that the amicable as between the G.T.R. and the C.P.R. is have been interrupted in conse-of the unwillingness of the latter to to of the unwillingness of the latter to to passenger rates arranged by Amcompetition with the G.T.B.
hager 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 ons Whinney and Davidson, offer elves for re-election at the semi-ansareholders' 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.

ALL EYES ON SPAIN

Consternation in Official Circles in Madrid Because of the Maine Report.

Believed That the Dons Will Refuse to Admit Truth of United States' Contentions.

Washington, March 26.—It can be stated positively that the United States government will, if, indeed, it has not already done so, inform Spain that the onditions now existing in Cuba have become intolerable to the people of this country, and hostilities on the island

views of the president as expressed in last message to congress, December In that message he says: instructions given to the United new minister to Spain before his departure for his post, directed him to mpress upon the government the sincere of the United States to lend its aid oward ending fac was a Cubb open at Walsh Creek.

The Strikes at Walsh Creek.

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These instructions recited the and duration of the contest, spread losses it entailed, 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 numination to Spain could attach, and indeed, the precise proposals were with-ield to avoid embarrassment to that

government."
After reciting the substance of Spain's reply, received October 23 last, the presiimmediate amelioration of existsavs: conditions under a new administra-of Cuban affairs is predicted, and therewith all disturbance and all occasion for any change of attitude on the part of the United States."

since the delivery of the message evi-ence has accumulated showing beyond testion that the promise made in behalf f the new administration to relieve the onditions in Cuba have not been fulfilled a accomplished. On the contrary, evi-ence which has reached the president ows 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. 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 an-

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 Spanish government is included, the reserve hitherto maintained will be aban-

to the principal aspects of the question.
"The patience of the Washington government," says the Uhronicle, "and the calm, pacific policy of the president, have been beyond all praise. Had the people of the United States been polled on the question, war would have been declared pefore now, not, as is falsely suggested, on account of financial and commercial ests, but on the grounds of humarty, and because of the intolerable stench of this open soie, 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 Cubans from American ports, quite apart from any treachery to the American warship.

The Daily Telegraph says: "Suppos-The Daily Telegraph says: "Supposing the American report can be substantiated, there can be no question that Spain is primarily responsible, as any country would be, if a similar catastrotiated, there can be no question that Spain is primarily responsible, as any country would be, if a similar catas rohe occurred along the coast line.
"If the Spanish authorities were ignor-

ant of the position of the submarine mines, their ignorance is culpable. If s, their ignorance is culpable.

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were aware and omitted to warn guests, their position is still less deal at Dyea.

Gottlieb Schneider, who shot and killGottlieb Schneider, who shot and kill
Gottlieb Schneider, at Sheep fensible. The report adds fuel to the flame. If the task of the diplomats and statesmen was arduous before, it is ten mes more difficult now."
The Daily Telegraph discussing elsethe financial aspects of the case, 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. and school BOARD FINANCES, JAG-day, and remained in conference with govern and remained in conference with and remained in conference with origin minister. Senor Gullon, for source, Senor Gullon, for source, General Woodford's a called by the gabled directors of dent McKinley, and he is believed two presented the synopsis of the trustees of the school board, at which the trustees of finance between the two bodies were fully discussed. No final decision was arrived at, it being understood that the council would submit a proposition for settlement to the legal representatives of the trustees. have presented the synopsis of

intain on their respective sides abso-e firmness, Each reaffirmed that his rernment, Minister Woodford speak-for the United States, and Senor

on. 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 count

"Spain's rights to Cuba."

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 catastrophe.

Admiral Bernelly, minister of marine, communicated the report to-day to the Queen Regent and Premier Sagasta The Queen kept Senor Sagasta at lunch.

Afterwards Sagasta telephoned for the Afterwards Sagasta telephoned for the minister of foreign affairs (Gullon) and the minister for the colonies (Moret) who the minister for the colonies (Moret) who joined him promptly. The three had a long conference with the Queen Regent and then went to the foreign office. Finally 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 report, will reach Washington on Wednesday. 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.

Gottlieb Schneider, Who Killed His

The steamer Ning Chow, Captain 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 the confidence men, who have found that confidence men, who have found that business in their line at Skagway is getting to be too quiet to warrant them continuing their residence there.

The Ning Chow brings news that John Kelly, Harry Brooks and J. D. Corbett, who were arrested on the charge of being 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 Ostrander, who held court in the M. E. church building, and committed them to church their triel at the next term of the stand their trial at the next term of the United States court at Sitka. Kelly and Brooks were taken to Sitka by the Unit-ed States marshal, and Corbett is in the hospital suffering from a severe gun-shot wound in the shoulder.

The arrest of the prisoners came about in this manner. Early on the Sunday morning following the murder Corbett made application to the military camp 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 caused his removal to the hospital for treat-

During his stay in the hospital Deputy Marshal Cudihee, who was at work investigating the murder of Roberts, received information which led him Definitely Stated That Court of Into the belief that Corbett and his com-panions were concerned in the murder. He searched the cabin occupied by the accused and found several pairs boots and shoes in a soiled condition, covered with blood. The shoes were identified as those of Corbett and fitted Hurrying War Freparations - Washthe 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 serve hitherto maintained will be abandoned, and Spain with the charged by American papers with treachery and malice, while the American people will be excited to the fever point.

"Spain, however, has already borne of much that a conflict may still be as conflict may still be or may be that she is now in a position to adopt some more marked the distribute."

Serve hitherto maintained will be abandoned and Spain with treachery and the done of the ferre at the needed with larceny from the dwelling of Fred Rasmussen, of the Colorado Sa'loon, They were discharged by reason of insufficient evidence to sustain the charge. They were again arrested the serve on the trail and fined \$15 each.

Washington, March 25.—The president which the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doctrine when the Conservatives were in power. It is just as good doct

> The prosecution claim they are in possession of evidence that the accused were seen together near the cabin, and intimate that a partial confession has been obtrined from one of the parties interested. They say Corbett was shot by one of the confederates during the shooting in the cabin, his wound being accidental, or else he was injured by the premature discharge of a pistol in his own hands during the excitement at-

his own hands during the excitement attending the affair.

Harry Green, of Spokane, a partner of the murdered gambler, came down on the Ning Chow. He gives the following indetails 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 gambling house late. provisioning of the starving After leaving the gambling house late rom American ports, quite on Saturday night, Roberts and Ross Despite all rumors it is that Spain would have no quite certain that Spain would have no his hand and the latter the winnings allies, and the result would be the libof the evening. Roberts, who was fore-most, opened the door, and was in the

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 buried at Dyea.

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 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 ban. No development work has been done.

that the council would submit a proposition for settlement. Minister Woodford speaking the United States, and Senor on for Spain, would be ruled by the tof its own naval court. One resays that the explosion which sank Maine came from the outside, the asserts that the battleship was sked by an accidental internal extent on. With equal firmness they are not conflicting views of their respective sovernments regarding the war with equal firmness they are and the condition of the reconstruction and the condition of the respective provision of the secondary that the council would submit a proposition for settlement to the legal representatives of the trustees.

It is gathered that the course which finds acceptance with the members of both bodies is to seek from the legislature changes in the present law to empower the school trustees to levy the necessary taxes, thus conferring upon them the means of raising the money which they already have the expenditure of. This plan would, it is thought, provide a satisfactory way out of the difficulty of providing an amount larger than the general revenue can furnish, even if not larger than is required for educational purposes. It would also make the expending body responsible for the provision of the necessary funds, which, as an an effective body, is considered that the council would submit a proposition of the trustees.

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The Cambridge Crew Again Loses in the 55th Annual Collegiate Boat Race.

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

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

The dark blues maintained this destance while passing under Hammersmith 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 regarded as a certainty for Oxford.

When Thornycrott's works were 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

lengths ahead.
Cambridge craw stopped off the Ship at
Mortlake thoroughly exhausted, with the
boat half full of water.
Oxford has now won 32 out of 55 races rowed, and has been winner nine years in succession. The crews sat in the shells as follows:
Oxford-Bow, R. O. Pitman; 2, D. O.
Ldwards, 3, C. K. Phillips; 4, P. Warro;
5, C. L. Burnell, 6, R. Carr; 7, Al. Herbert stroke, H. C. Gold; coxswain, H.
K. Preckel.

K. Freekel.

Cambridge—Bow, W. S. Rennie; 2, J.

F. Beyl; 3, H. G. Frown; 4, H. V. Pearson 5, A. W. Swanston; 6, R. B. Etherington Smith; 7, C. J. D. Goldie; stroke A. S. Bell; coxswain, E. G. Hawkins,

MAINE REPORT

quiry Finds That the Explosion Was External.

ington in a Fever of Excitement.

Neither of the accused will give a statement of any kind. They claim their ingocence and that they can account for their whereabouts at the time of the murder, and that the wound on Corbett was the American commission, whose report, it says, "is in narmony with all the probabilities of the case," proceeds to the principal aspects of the question.

Neither of the accused will give a statement of any kind. They claim their ing that the discussion was of a grave their whereabouts at the time of the murder, and that the wound on Corbett was the result of a private quarrel with a certain individual over a personal matter, the nature of which they will not disclose.

The proceeds to the principal aspects of the question.

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 consider a suggestion from this government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own forces. 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, one step following another in rapid succession. Public men in all branches of official and congressional life no less 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,

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. 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 exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, 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

the president.

While interest was thus centered at the White House, the navy and war departments 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 let a menace, having been decided upon many weeks ago. On the contrary, the Spanish government holds that the extensive armament of the Tortugas was movement of the flotilla. Instead of stopping the flotilla, the present attitude of

Spain tends toward reinforcing it with other Spanish vessels, not as a menace, but from what the Spanish government teels is a requirement called for by the

existing condition of affairs.

Harviny less suggestive than the approach of the toipedo flotilla was the information received to-day by the highof Gold That Will Be Brought est multary authorities that the Spanish government had hurried to completion extensive fortifications on the island of From Klondike.

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 Recorded at Dawson Since Last September.

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 Massachu-Story Was Invented for Benefit of Reporters. setts and Texas and the cruisers Columbia 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 Chicin-Eight thousand claims have been recorded with the agent of the Dominion government at Dawson City since Sepember. This shows pretty well the exnati, which left Port Antonio three days citement that has prevailed in the Klonago under sealed orders, is to report at Key West and become part of Capt. Sampson's fleet. Orders were issued todike country during the winter, and the large extent of new ground that is being to have all the warships painted worked, for the owners of claims are not black, a color that is better adapted to hostilities, because the vessels will not idle. This information is supplied by afford so good a target.
The navy department was informed by cablegram from London that agents of Mr. John Piche, special courier for the Dominion government, who arrived here this morning on the steamer Ning Chow the government had purchased a torpedo beat that had been constructed for the with reports from the officials at Dawson for the heads of their departments at Ot-

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 tory and adventures of the editor of the worked there are now several thousand, so that if the new claims turn out only lows in the Province the letter which Mr. Lugrin, as editor of the Seattle

so that it 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 fall 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 not be addeduced that would make that would make the contract of the company of the contract of the 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 months age, but the Province has the death to less experienced men. The first honor of being the first Canadian paper party he met were the Canadian mail car-to print the following "declaration of into print the following "declaration of intention," which will, no doubt, be read they have no doubt by this time gladdenwith 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,

wrangling 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 it all. Canada for the Canadians to Dawson or go to the federal capital. The prospects of another winter trip to the interior do not seem to worry him in and business first and politics after-Now the reader will come with mind

prepared for the Province contribution to this interesting history. It is as fol-The Province has procured from the re-cords of the Superior Court of the State of Washington the following interesting entry:

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON: I, Charles H. Lugrin, a native of New Brunswick, do declare on oath that it is bona fide my intention to BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and any foreign prince, notenistic state and sovereign whatso potentate, state and sovereignty whatso ever, and particularly to VICTORIA ever, and particularly to VICTO 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.

D. W. CAMERON, Clerk.

Herel we have over his own signature the editor of the Colonist acting as a renegate to his country and abjuring his Queen! And yet this is the man who day after day, in the editorial columns of the Colonist, 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 affecting 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 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 giove with the British Calumbia cabinative. the welfare of Canada. He is hand in glove with the British Columbia cabinet and its tools, with Sir Charles Tupper, and Sir Charles Tupper's son, with ex-Lieutenaitif Governor Dewdney and others who have been traveiling up and down Canada, claiming to have a first mortgage on all the loyalty in sight. This man, who has foresworn his birthright! This alien!

In order that there may be no question at all as to the authenticity of the declaration reproduced above, the Province has had the document certified to, the certificate reading as follows!

State of Washington.

County 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 become a citizen of the United States remaining in my office, upon the records of said court and of the whole thersof.

In witness whereof, I have herednto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court at my office in Chehalis, in said county, this 2nd day of September, 1897.

Beale this afternoon.

WILL D. LANGHAM, Clerk. The original document is in the possession of the Province.

ENORMOUS OUTPUT BRIDGE RIVER GOLD

Eight Thousand Claims Have Been Indians and Chinamen With Primi

That Nine Thousand Dollar Nugget

German government. The new acquisition is of the general type of German torpedo boats and is regarded as a valuable addition to the navy. One feature regarding her that affords special gratification to the officials of the navy department is that she is now ready for sea. It is expected that within a few days she will leave for the United States tawa.

Mr. Piche left Dawson on February

16, and consequently nade a very good trip out, reaching tidewater five days ago. Asked as to that latest Klondike fish-story, the \$9,000 nugget, Mr. Piche smiled and said he had not heard of it, despite the fact that he was the last one to leave Dawson. He was just behind Messrs. Denham, Goodwin, Lang and Lacelles, who arrived at Vancouver yesterday 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-Certain Records Now Printed for the

Times, published on April 20th, 1896, to

ing that the discussion was of a grave character and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation of this kind. While our politicians are the least, in fact, he is used to it. Coming out from Dawson in September last, he returned again in November, remaining just long enough to attend to his private business, before starting

WILL KILL THE BILL

trip that he completed to-day.

Tory Majority in the Senate to Throw Out the Teslin Railway. Measure.

The Vote To Be Taken on Tuesday Next-End of a Hard Struggle Near.

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. the senate, has decided to take the responsibility for the administration of the Klondike into its own hands, and will therefore throw out the Canadian-Yukon railway bill by a majority of twen-

next. 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 ukon railway, as are also the miners. 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 be 500 feet and no royalty exacted. A writ was issued in the county count 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, and for which they have never paid. 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 complete outfits for the northern journey. The Oakland party, at the head of which is Mr. R. Pigott, 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 Los Angeles party, which will go north in a few days, bound for the Klondike district. They express the previous as well pleased with the prospects and speak very highly of the difference observed in the treatment accorded them here with that experienced in other places.

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

The possession of the Province at the provincial possession at the

Impossible to Estimate the Amount Another Interesting Letter Direct From the Rich Lillooet

Gold Pields.

Dust and Nuggets.

Dissatisfaction Expressed Over the Appointment of a Cheechako as Mining Recorder.

tive Apparatus Taking Out

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 right bank of the south forks of Bridge river, bordering due southeast the forty Thieves group. The ledge on the Why Not is from 4 to 10 feef 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 clains. Very! little has been done on these claims at present, but active development work will be commenced in a few days. These claims are bounded on the south by the Monarch group of claims, the outside croppings assaying from \$20 to \$30 per ton.

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 on Bridge river, only awaiting capital to be developed: One Indian named Tashpola, otherwise Hunter Jack, has been working on a small claim at the mouth of the south forks of Bridge river. The last 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 Lilloot. Every pan of dirt tested showed several colors, and as a onfirmation of their assertions they brought 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, capital is the only thing needed, and this we are confident of, that if the capitalist

will only come and see-lour 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 widening out with fully 4 feet

he has ever seen. The ledge on the Bendor is widening out with fully 4 feet of ore on the face, and there is not the slightest doubt 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.

Mr. Smith had a tenrible task in getting all the necessary supplies up to the mines, but he successfully combatted all difficulties. The result of the development work on this group of claims will be awaited with greatly interest here in awaited with great interest here in

I mentioned in my previous letter that a mining recorder's office at Bridge river was a necessity for the miners, and also 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 months in the district is to have the ap-

pointment. 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 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-

ON A WAR FOOTING

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.

udlonden, March 26.- A despatch to the Times from Hong Kong says that orders were issued vestering for the naval establishment there to make negent preparations to place itself on a war footing. The staff, it is added, will be augmented and mobilization has been order-The despatch 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 and

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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For Infants and Children

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