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## GREAT BRITAIN'S

## ALLEGED VIOLATION

Evening Papers Severe in Their Com-

ments Against Government.

Official Statement Indicates That Negotia-

tions are Proceeding—The Times Edi-

torially Indicates That There is Some-

thing More to Make Known—'Greatest

of Trade Interests is Peace.'

London, Feb. 2.—The afternoon newspa-

pers to-day comment in the most severe

terms upon the alleged withdrawal of Great

Britain's demand for the opening of the

port of Tientsin-Wan. Some of them refuse

to credit the report.

The Globe says: "No wonder if the opo-

nents of the Ministry regard it as a

serious blow when its supporters are

unable to find a reasonable excuse for it.

The public was led to believe that Sir Mich-

ael Hicks-Beach and other Cabinet Minis-

ters meant what they said, so the Ministry

have only themselves to thank if they lose

prestige at home and abroad through the

withdrawal of the Tientsin-Wan demand.

England, with her vast naval strength and

common resources, has the game in her

own hands if she insists on only pay-

ing with the necessary price.

An official statement as the subject, just

issued, is as follows: "No communication

has been published concerning the nego-

tiation as a whole. The negotiations have

been absolutely confidential. Many com-

plaints have been received from the govern-

ment of the House of Commons. The govern-

ment, however, has been unable to obtain

information, but in some instances, quite

at variance with known facts."

The Times' Tientsin-Wan announcement

created much surprise and excitement

among politicians and was eagerly discus-

sed at the clubs. The Liberals vigorously

demanded the reported withdrawal of the

British Government, while the Conservatives

members of the House of Commons were

convinced that the Government were

concealing their bitter disappointment. Many

declined to credit the report until it is

officially confirmed, and a prominent

Conservative this afternoon offered a Liberal

agent to pay a substantial sum to a

people charity if the withdrawal was con-

firmed. The Liberal agent refused to

accept the offer, and the Conservative

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## GOVERNMENT

## KLONDIKE GOLD

Collector Davis Makes a Second Re-

mittance From Dawson City.

Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars Has Been

Received in Toll From Gold Diggers

So Far—Frank Slavin Talks About the

Eldorado and the Mother Lode—The

Klondike Regulations Set at Last.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The De-

partment of Customs to-day received a

remittance from Collector Davis, from

Dawson, to the amount of \$47,000,

which had accrued from customs duties.

This was the second remittance.

Frank Slavin on the Mother Lode.

Mr. Frank Slavin, the well-known

Australian explorer and miner, who

spent a great portion of the last year

in the Klondike district, arrived here

to-day to interview the Government

regarding certain claims he has located.

Slavin made the trip from Dawson

to the coast in 20 days. He had six dogs

and made no effort to break the record.

Speaking of his discovery of what is

known as the Mother Lode of the Klon-

dike, Slavin said to-night: "It is the

mother lode I am no doubt the dis-

covery. On Aug. 27, last I started to

prospect for a quartz mine, and struck

a very rich ledge, which seemed inter-

esting in length and very wide, from

gold showed everywhere in the spec-

imens I got. I did not remain out long,

however, but returned to the place."

and not until November did I prosecute

my search for gold quartz. On Dec.

9 I made what I term the big discovery.

If traced further, it would probably

strike the Yukon, and cross Indian River

about 15 miles from the Klondike. Do

I think it is the mother lode? Well, I

can't say whether it is the mother lode

or the father lode, but I know it is the

richest quartz I have ever seen. My

party located six claims, 1500 feet each

in length, and we are going to work

them as soon as we return. I will

shortly leave for Fairbanks, where I

will purchase a diamond drill and

machinery for developing the mines."

Slavin, who will return to the North

about March, says it is his intention to

write a book relating his experiences

in the north. He thinks that if fifty

thousand people attempt to go through

the way of Dyea and Skagway not one-

tenth will succeed if they take in their

outfits. He recommends everybody to

outfit in Canada.

Navies on the Stikine.

Early in the spring the Government

will take steps towards increasing the

force of the Stikine River. There are

necessarily many points in these streams

which call for a large number of men

from the Public Works Department who

are detailed for the purpose. Less is

known of the Stikine or Yukon, but whatever

is known emphasizes the importance of

snags being cleared in these waters is not

the best.

Balls Failed to Get Through.

It is alleged that out of six United

States mails sent into the Yukon from

the head of Lynn Canal since July 6

last, only two have reached their desti-

nation, and that no Canadian mails

have got through at all. In view of