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Cable Delay Was Costly.

While Canada Hesitated the Eastern Co. Got Hong-Kong Monopoly.

Tariff Deputations in Advance of Budget Announcements on Tuesday.

Ottawa's Mayor and a City Member Have a Falling Out.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, April 28.—An interesting discussion took place in the Senate on the subject of the Pacific cable. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Messrs. Scott and Mills all agreed that strong influences are operating in England to prevent the laying of a cable to the shores of Canada. This opposition is in the interest of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., whose lines reach Australia by way of India and whose monopoly will be broken by the construction of the proposed cable.

In this connection a despatch was brought down to-day containing an agreement dated 20th October, 1893, between the Imperial government and the Eastern Extension Company, giving a monopoly of Singapore and Hongkong telegraphic business for twenty-five years to the Eastern Extension Company, unless by the 25th of October, 1898, Hongkong should be tapped by cable from Canada or Australia. This has not been done, hence an important business feeder has been lost to the proposed all-British Pacific cable. The agreement has been pincioned all these years and no one seems to know where it has been. Sir Mackenzie Bowell only heard of its existence a few days ago. When it reached Canada he was in Australia.

Museum and Archives.
Senator Poirer made a strong speech pointing out the necessity for a commodious for the treasures in the geological survey museum and of documents in the archives department.

Budget on Tuesday.
Proceedings in the house to-day were very dull. Four ministers were away. Messrs. Mulock, Tupper, and Mackenzie Bowell stood over until next week. Mr. Fielding likes to carry his budget proposals over the dinner hour because so that if he has any tariff changes to announce they may not be made public until after the dinner hour has closed in all parts of Canada. It is generally believed that the budget debate will be continued from day to day until dismission of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is necessary. Mr. Foster that he would make an announcement on Monday with regard to the course of public business. The Premier to-night gave notice that government business shall have precedence on Thursdays for the remainder of the session.

Tariff Deputations.
Deputations were numerous to-day. The shirt and collar and cuff dealers' petition for a reduction in the duty on these articles.

Artists' Request.
An artists' deputation seek the abolition of the Ottawa art gallery. The gallery, Quebec, adequate representation of Canadian art at the World's Fair, a change in the staff of the gallery, and the abolition of the gallery.

The Voters' List.
The house spent the whole evening discussing the meeting of the government to print the Dominion voters' list required by the Franchise act passed last year.

French Politicians Quarrel.
The relations between Mr. Belecourt, M.P., and his compatriot, Mayor Payer of Ottawa, are somewhat strained. The other day the bill of the Ottawa Electric Company confirming the Ontario act authorizing the running of Sunday cars was passed by the railway committee. Several amendments were made and it was the wish of the committee that Mr. Russell, M.P., for Halifax, who had taken a disinterested part in the discussion should see that amendments were in proper form before the bill went forward to the house. A sentence was inserted in one clause which it is held would injure the position of the city towards the railway company.

WANT SHIPS ABOVE WATER.
London, April 28.—J. F. Holland, the inventor of the Holland submarine boat, sailed for New York yesterday on board the steamship Etruria. His negotiations with the admiralty for the sale of his invention to the British government failed completely. The government objected to the principal of submarine boats, not against Mr. Holland's specific system.

FILIPINOS MUST SUBMIT.

Unconditional Surrender the Proper Demand by the United States.

London, April 28.—All the morning papers contain editorials congratulating the United States upon the prospect of the Philippines and complimenting the bravery and endurance of the American troops who have produced the much desired result. All insist that the United States cannot treat with the rebel government. All approve the demand of General Otis for an unconditional surrender and urge that he should be given full power and not be hampered by instructions from Washington.

SHOT BY HIS WIFE.

Sharon, Mass., April 28.—John P. Ross of this place was shot and killed by his wife, Mary S. Ross, in the course of a quarrel at their home at about seven o'clock this morning. Mr. Ross was taken into custody at once. She admitted the shooting, claiming that she acted in self defence as her husband was choking her at the time. Ross was fifty years of age and his wife forty-nine. They had been married about a year.

WULD LIKE TO END THE WAR.

Filipino Leaders Seek an Armistice in Hope of Making Terms.

By Associated Press.
Manila, April 28.—Aguinaldo is evidently selecting the army as a cloak for his congress, hoping by subterfuge to overcome General Otis' consistent policy in ignoring the Filipino government.

The Filipino's argument is that it is impossible to arrange an armistice until the sanction of the congress. General Otis, however, is not prepared to make any concession by remarking that if Aguinaldo could make war without congress, he could stop it without reference to that body. One of the conferees remarked that they were surprised to find the white men in diplomacy, as the Malays are credited with being.

While the insurgents are undoubtedly tired of war, the leaders are torn with dissension over the suspicion that there is a hope by means of a conference to ascertain what terms they could expect. It they say that anything was to be gained by continuing the war, an armistice would afford them an opportunity for recuperating their demoralized ranks.

Rules of Baseball.
Eastern League Amend the Regulations With Respect to Balls.

Hartford, Conn., April 28.—The managers and umpires of the Eastern Baseball League held a meeting in the United States hotel to-day for the purpose of discussing the rules for the season of 1899. All the were represented, except Providence and Rochester.

DIDN'T QUAKE FOR DEWEY.
German Officers Tell How They Met His Threat at Manila.

Berlin, April 28.—A dispatch from Kiel to the Vossische Zeitung says that naval officers there are smiling at the statements made by Captain Joseph B. Coghlan in the course of his speech at the United League banquet. These officers claim that Admiral Dewey's answer to Admiral Dewey's threat was simply, "Clear for action and quietly steam through the American lines into the harbor."

DIVISION OF CHINA.
British and Russians End Their Rivalry for Commercial Concessions.

London, April 28.—A Berlin correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The Anglo-Russian negotiations have practically concluded in an agreement which proposes to put an end to the battles for railway and other concessions in China. The agreement recognizes the Russian sphere as the north and Great Britain's as the Yangtze valley."

QUEEN REGENT MURKED.
Madrid, April 28.—A man armed with a revolver and a dagger was arrested for threatening the Queen Regent. He is believed to be a lunatic.

MONEYED FOLK DIVORCED.
New York, April 28.—Justice Stover in the supreme court to-day granted a decree of divorce between Henry T. Sloan and his wife. They are a wealthy and well-known society couple.

Centre Star Scores.

Judge Walkem Makes Order to Explore Iron Mask Workings.

Sensational Incident in the Famous Mining Case at Rossland.

Plaintiff's Counsel Will Ask Delay to Appeal Against Order.

Rossland, April 28.—The great lawsuit of the Iron Mask and Centre Star developed rather sensational features to-day. Expert Clarence King finished his testimony shortly after the court met this morning. E. P. Davis then made a formal application to do certain experimental work in that part of the disputed ground known as the Centre Star mine. This is the third time the defendants have made this motion to explore the plaintiffs' workings in order to demonstrate the truth of the facts alleged by them. Twice they have failed but to-day they obtained the wished-for order.

E. V. Bodwell for the plaintiffs most vigorously opposed the order. He took up in the consideration of the application. At the conclusion of the argument Mr. Justice Walkem delivered judgment allowing the defendants access to the plaintiffs' workings and granting them leave to do the further work asked. Mr. Bodwell at once asked for a stay of proceedings until an appeal could be heard, but it was finally arranged that all details, including the exact form of the order, should be settled within the court meets on Saturday morning. It is, however, only the details that will come up. The court has already granted the order, and Mr. Bodwell stated that without question his client would adjournment of the whole case until an appeal from the order could be disposed of.

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MRS GEORGE NOT GUILTY.

Acquitted of the Charge of Murdering Mrs. McKinley's Brother.

Canton, Ohio, April 28.—The jury in the case against Anna K. George on trial for murder of George D. Saxton, brother of Mrs. McKinley, has returned a verdict of acquittal. The jury was out twenty-three hours and forty-five minutes and during that time twenty-two ballots were cast. The interval between these ballots was spent in reviewing the case and discussing its various phases.

MOB RULE SUSTAINED.
South Carolina Jury Summarily Dispose of a Test Case.

Greenville, S.C., April 28.—The trial of the famous McCormick conspiracy case, growing out of the Phoenix mine riot and lynching in Greenwood county last November, ended with a verdict of not guilty. The jury, composed entirely of white men, and half of whom were members of the mob, was less than fifteen minutes in deliberation. The defendants were prominent Greenwood county men who at the time of the riot were serving resolutions upon Jas. W. Tolbert, the Republican opponent of the late Governor, and upon a postmaster at McCormick, advising him to leave, and telling him they would protect him for thirty-six hours. Six hours after he left, a mob rode into McCormick to kill him.

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Crowding Oom Paul.

Mr. Chamberlain Bluntly States Business of Troops at Cape.

Boers Have Raised Menacing Forts and Broken London Convention.

Hour Fast Approaching When the British Must Take Action.

By Associated Press.
London, April 28.—Referring to a speech made by the secretary of state for the colonies, early in the week, explaining that the making of a large British force in South Africa was due to the fact that the Boers had erected forts in Pretoria and Johannesburg, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Boers had erected forts in Pretoria and Johannesburg, and that it has given greater offence to Great Britain than the Speaker's remark that the Boers were raising a menace to the Germans, and Mr. Chamberlain's indignation was just as useless as Coghlan's.

COGHLAN'S FREE SPEECH.
English Say Germans Deserved It—Germans Say He Was Drunk.

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CANADA PREFERRED.

Tide of Emigration from United Kingdom Turned in This Direction.

London, April 28.—The British Board of Trade emigration returns for the first three months of the current year are very flattering to Canada. The number of people leaving the United Kingdom for ports in Canada shows an increase of 24 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1898, while emigration to the United States shows a decrease of 15 per cent. and that to other British colonies, including South Africa, has practically remained stationary or show a slight falling out.

Mr. Chamberlain Says They Have Not Been Quite Accurately Stated—New Zealand's Patriotism.

London, April 28.—In the House of Commons to-day the government was questioned on the subject of the proposed Pacific cable mentioned at the annual meeting on April 26th, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, said that the government had made proposals to the governments of Canada and Australia on the subject, but that no final agreement had been made. The statement which appeared in the press, Mr. Chamberlain said, did not accurately represent the proposals made.

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Sugar Duty May Rise.

Rush of Importations on Suspicion of a Budget Announcement.

Prohibitionists Prescribe Test for Their Supported Friends in Government.

Ministers Asked to Give Cheaper Coal Oil Promised in Campaign.

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